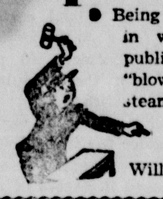
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Popvalve



● Being a column in which the publisher just "blows off the steam."

By Willard Jones

JOHN R. BROWN SR. and the family dog, Butterball, made a story the other day that deserves a little special attention in this column.

The Neinda community man and his pooch started out the other Sunday morning to check the cows over in the back pasture. John had a shotgun in the pick-up as additional company. Back in the pasture Brown decided to get out and look a little more closely at one of the cows. But Butterball was mighty anxious to get out of the pick-up, too, so as the dog jumped down to the floor-board of be the first one out, he struck the trigger of the gun and it went off.

The shot went through the floor-board, shot the battery cable in two and shot the distributor cap off and soldered the battery cable to the oil stick and went out through the radiator.

The senior Brown the next day was reporting the incident to the son, John R. Brown Jr., and wife. He declared, "Something awful happened while you were gone. Your dog, Butterball, shot the pick-up while you were gone!"

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LET US SUPPOSE that the president of the United States were to refuse to permit the setting up of a Christmas tree in the white house and, in addition ask the people of the country to give up the "harmful" custom of the Christmas tree.

Impossible? Well, it happened. The president was Theodore Roosevelt, and he was in dead earnest when he banned the Christmas tree from the executive mansion.

An ardent conservationist of the day when forests were being cut on a wholesale basis, he decided to use the prestige of his office to influence people to preserve the evergreen trees from extermination.

His sons Archie and Quentin, the young children of the president, rebelled against the ruling of their father and persuaded the famous conservationist, Gifford Pinchot, to look into the matter. Pinchot did not find it difficult to persuade the fiery president that the cutting of young evergreen trees, if done intelligently, would benefit the forests rather than hurt them. Roosevelt then rescinded his order, and Christmas trees were again permitted in the white house.

The first decorated Christmas trees in this country were set up during the Revolutionary War by home-sick Hessian soldiers. A half century later, a German professor at Harvard, Charles Follen, put up a tree in his home. August Imgard of Wooster, Ohio had one in 1847. A minister in Cleveland had to do a lot of explaining as late as 1851 before he could get his flock to let him set up a Christmas tree.

The enormous popularity of Christmas trees at the present makes it hard to believe that such trees were comparatively rare not too long ago. It is a fact, however, that the Christmas tree did not come into widespread use in the United States until the third quarter of the last century; and, although there were individual localities in which most homes boasted of a tree at Yuletide, there were many others where no such innovations could be seen.

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MR. AND MRS. TED RUSSELL are among several Hamlin families who have really decorated their places for the Yuletide season. They invited us and the Mrs. over Sunday to see their beautifully decorated home.

Christmas was all over the living room and den. An elaborate steel Christmas tree had a music box in the revolving tree mounting. Lovely settings and decorations were placed on tables and at other vantage points.

Chief interest, however, was the manger scene set just outside a den window. In a sort of burlap tent setting the manger scene was depicted with the father Joseph, mother Mary and Christ Child as center of attraction. The three Wise Men were in the background, and three sheep lay in the hay.

Ted remarked that Sunday morning he at first thought somebody had put a fourth sheep in the scene. A big white cat had crawled into the display during the night and was making himself at home, when Peppy, the Russells' tiny dog, discovered the intruder and frightened him away.

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Success formula: A man's toughest competitor should be himself.



JUNIOR HIGH CAGERS BEFORE SUITS—This bunch of Junior High cagers, being coached by Harry Martin, looked promising in this picture made several days ago before the boys' suits arrived. Shown are: Front row (left to right)—Mark Smith, Danny Niedecken, Mike Martin, Roy Kelly, Anthony Woolf, Andy French and Raymond Renfro; back row (left to right)—Tommy Shelburne, Barry Moore, O. H. Weaver, Larry Stephens, Dan Newberry, Randy Brown and Van Newberry.

County Voters Disapprove But Nation Okays Controls

Freak Accident South of Town Sunday Kills Trucker from Indiana at Stop

A freak accident eight miles south of Hamlin Sunday afternoon about 3:00 o'clock resulted in injuries which caused the death of **Ray H. Taylor, a 57-year-old truck driver of Fort Wayne, Indiana.** The man died in the Hamlin Memorial Hospital less than an hour after the accident caused by internal injuries.

The driver of a big moving van en route from California to the Indiana city had stopped at the Apache Cafe, recently opened by Mr. and Mrs. James C. Holden on Highway 180, two miles west of Boyd's Chapel, for coffee and eats. After finishing his meal, he went to his parked truck and was adding oil to the engine. The car of the Holdens, parked some 80 feet away, mysteriously started rolling down the incline toward the truck, unnoticed by Taylor, who had his back to the car. The car struck Taylor, pinning him between the two vehicles. The impact almost severed a leg and seriously injured the trucker internally.

The Holdens called an ambulance from Hamlin Funeral Home, and Taylor was rushed here to the hospital, but he died shortly after reaching the hospital.

Funeral arrangements were pending awaiting word from relatives in Indiana when The Herald went to press.

Practically All Businesses Closing For Christmas Day

Downtown Hamlin will be a quiet section of the city Christmas Day it is indicated by business houses in a quick check by The Herald first of the week.

Practically all business houses and offices will be closed for the entire day to give their owners and employees an apportunity to be with their families and other relatives and friends.

Farmers and Merchants National Bank will close Wednesday at noon and remain closed all day Thursday. A few smaller businesses and offices will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The post office will be closed all day Thursday, but early morning mail will be put up in boxes before clerks take off the balance of the day.

All Hamlin schools are in the midst of a two-week cessation of classes for the Christmas season.

A cafe or two will be open Christmas Day, The Herald understands, as well as some service stations in order to service cars that will be on the move for the holiday.

Winners in City Home Decoration Contest Revealed

Winners in the Christmas decorations for the residential section of Hamlin, sponsored by the Hamlin Woman's Forum, were announced over the week-end as follows:

Wilson Brannon for the overall most beautiful decoration.

Carl Murrell for the most beautiful window decoration.

H. D. Stallcup, for the most beautiful door decoration.

A group of out-of-town judges made the decisions following an inspection of the decorations last Friday.

Sponsors of the Christmas decoration project observed that the decorations this year were about the prettiest and the most universal in the history of Hamlin. The judges were impressed by the large number of homes putting up the decorations, they said.

Anniversary to Be Observed by North Central Baptists

Seventh anniversary of the North Central Avenue Baptist Church in Hamlin will be observed in a five-day homecoming and series of meetings beginning December 31, it is announced this week by the pastor, Rev. Woodrow McHugh.

A homecoming of former members and pastors of the church, established as a mission by the First Baptist Church during the pastorate of John B. Osteen, will begin Wednesday, December 31.

Rev. Danny Williams of San Angelo, first pastor of the mission in 1951, which later became a full fledged church in 1955, will preach in several services during the observance. Rev. Miles B. Hayes of Burkburnett, who was interim pastor in 1955 and 1956, also will preach during the period, it is announced.

Dinner will be served to all attendants at the church on Sunday, January 4, with local attendants bringing covered dishes.

Although former members are being extended special invitations to attend the homecoming, the public is invited to participate in the services McHugh states.

Annual Business Forecast by Babson To Be Published Next Week in Herald

The Hamlin Herald will publish Roger W. Babson's business and financial forecast for 1959 next week.

A careful checking of the Babson predictions made in the business and financial forecast for 1958 upholds the remarkable average of the past years by being 86 per cent correct. Below is the score for the last 20 years. It holds the best and highest record for annual forecasts on U. S. future business.

Year	% Acc.	Year	% Acc.
1958	86	1948	91
1957	88	1947	93
1956	85	1946	95
1955	84	1945	87
1954	86	1944	91
1953	84	1943	94
1952	88	1942	86
1951	86	1941	78
1950	81	1940	76
1949	80	1939	89

American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of both religion and advertising in business.

Born and reared in an old fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Massachusetts, Babson went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating, he turned instinctively to financial and business activities in which his father was engaged.

His exertions, however, undermined his health. He contracted tuberculosis and he was sent West "as good as dead." It was while he was convalescing from this dread malady that he worked out some of the possibilities and problems of business forecasting. His weekly releases are used by over 400 newspapers and his financial reports by 20,000 corporations and estates. His research work is carried on by a large staff of experts.

Babson has probably done more than any other man to create among his millions of newspaper readers an interest in simple business problems, and to instill a broader vision in businessmen, enabling them to meet the ups-and-downs of the business cycle.

Some people never get up in the world because they wait for someone to give them a boost before they start climbing.



ROGER W. BABSON, internationally known econmosit and financial adviser, will have his annual business forecast for 1959 printed next weke in The Hamlin Herald. His forecasts have in the past average more than 80 per cent correct. You will want to read the entire article in The Herald.

This Week's Herald Being Printed Early

This week's issue of The Hamlin Herald is being mailed a full day ahead of the usual schedule. Subscribers should all have their papers on Wednesday.

The four sections of the paper carry Christmas messages from practically every business institution in the community.

State and Nation Give Referendum Approval in Vote

As was indicated several days before the election in an article in The Hamlin Herald, Jones County cotton farmers failed to give the cotton acreage allotment program the necessary two-thirds majority vote in voting last Monday. The county vote was 344 in favor of quotas and 187 against.

Although Jones County farmers failed to give the cotton marketing quota program the necessary two-thirds majority in the referendum Monday, the proposition carried in state and nation-wide balloting and quotas will continue in effect for the 1959 crop. This was indicated in news releases from over the country over the week-end as official checking of balloting was being completed.

West Central Texas as a whole favored quotas by a heavy margin, reports indicated.

Balloting on the referendum was carried on in 12 boxes Monday. A total of 532 votes were cast, with 65 per cent favoring quotas and 35 per cent against. The vote by boxes follows:

Box—	For	Against
Anson	55	18
Hamlin	41	14
Stamford	31	39
Neinda	23	11
Tuxedo	19	28
Avoca	43	15
Ericksdahl	9	18
Noodle	30	6
Stith	25	6
Hodges	25	10
Radium	17	8
Funston	24	14
Absentee votes	6	

The marketing quota program will be in operation for next year's crop if at least two-thirds of the votes cast in the referendum are in favor of the program. In that case, farm operators will have on

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Fire Friday Destroys Home of I. D. Millers

Fire of undetermined origin late Friday afternoon destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Miller, six miles northwest of Hamlin. Estimated loss of the house and contents was placed at $8,000 by Hamlin firemen who took city equipment to the blaze.

The Millers were away from home at the time of the fire, Mrs. Miller and the children being in Hamlin. The blaze was noticed by a passerby and the Hamlin fire department notified, but by the time the fire trucks reached the scene the house was practically consumed.

Miller, working for an oil concern, who was in the hospital at the time of the fire, surmised that the fire may have started from a butane water heater.

Who's New This Week

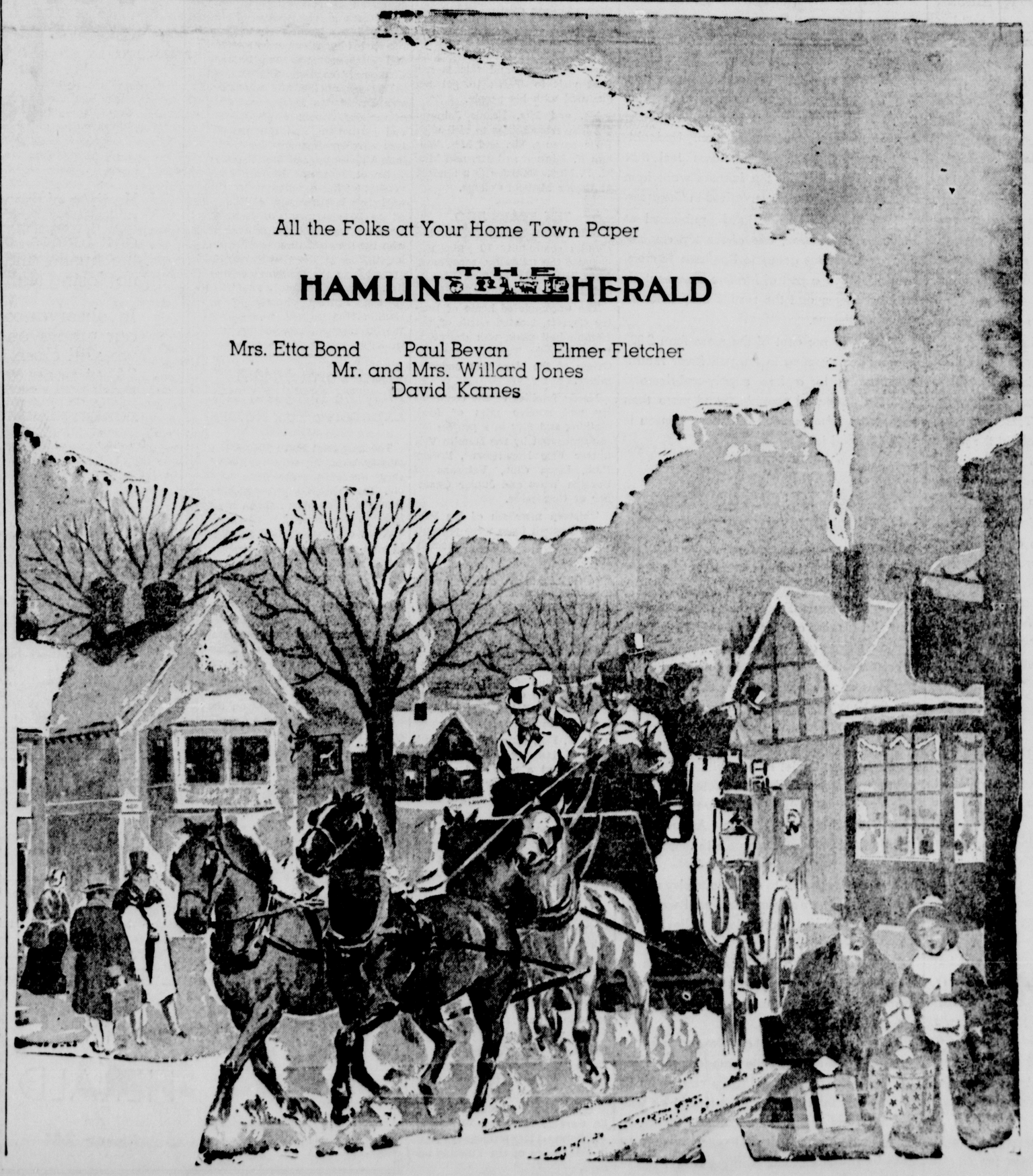
Four new citizens have been recorded at the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last week's report in The Herald. Three girls and one boy, they are:

A girl for Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Feagan was born December 14. She weighed in at seven pounds six ounces and was assigned the name Cynthia Susan.

A girl for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Washington arived December 19. Weighing eight pounds eight ounces at birth, she was given the name Thelma Jo.

A girl for Mr. and Mrs. John B. Baker Jr. of McCaulley arrived December 19. She was labeled Dana Patrese after having her weight checked at eight pounds three ounces.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Roseberry of Anson on December 20. He tipped the scales at a heavy nine pounds two ounces. He will be referred to as Tmiothy Doyle.



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IS THERE SOMETHING TO THIS GOOD LUCK IDEA?

For nearly twenty centuries mankind has been plagued by a mighty problem, and despite the great strides which science has taken in other fields, there has been not the slightest trace of an advance toward the solution of this thorny matter. We refer, of course, to the age old problem: To bring a maximum of good luck, how should a horseshoe be hung—toes down, heel down or sideways?

There are three schools of thought on this subject. The toes-down group argues that its method ". . . keeps the luck from running out." Supporters of the heel-down system claim that the horseshoe thus looks somewhat like a halo. The good fortune which saintliness deserves will consequently be attracted, even if the fellow who nailed up the shoe doesn't lead as exalted a life as he should. Partisans of the sideways theory point out that in this position the horseshoe resembles the lucky crescent. But further complications arise. The sideways school is split into two warring factions, one of which insists on a toes-left position, while the other demands a toes-right position.

Each of these groups has convincing arguments, and we've heard them all. Unfortunately, we have a weak memory, and we've forgotten just what the arguments were, why we were convinced, and which way. We came to some kind of conclusion, we remember, and we're sorry that we can't tell you what it was.

The belief that finding a horseshoe and nailing it over a door brings good luck dates back at least to Roman days. Witches and evil spirits, it goes without saying, are allergic to horseshoes, and will not pass into a house which is not protected by a horseshoe.

Certain people believe that it is the iron in the horseshoe, rather than the shoe itself, which brings the good luck. We hope they're right. It's a long time since we last found a horseshoe on the highways, but we're always running into scads of old iron—dented fenders, rusty exhaust pipes, discarded beer cans—and think that this ought to make our luck phenomenal . . . we hope . . . we hope.

At any rate, we are made to wonder about this whole good luck philosophy.

It's an American Habit

We Americans like to think about the future. It's one of the qualities that distinguish us from the peoples of the old world. Whether we are planning the development of a newly admitted state or approving a bond issue to build a high school, a good part of our lives is devoted to preparing for tomorrow.

The men who manage oil companies have to plan ever farther ahead than the rest of us. America has abundant reserves of oil right now, but the demand for petroleum products is expected to increase by one-third by 1965. To find the sources of oil that will be supplying us in the 1960s requires years of patient, costly exploration. It also takes years, of course, to plan, design and build refineries, pipelines, tankers, laboratories and other equipment needed to transport, process and distribute petroleum products.

We heard more about this recently when the oil industry celebrated its annual Oil Progress Week. We were made to realize again the vital role the oil industry plays in the Hamlin community economy. With the theme "Today—Oil Builds for Tomorrow," oil company people are telling us about the plans and preparations they have to make now to assure us all of a dependable supply of pertoleum products in the years to come.

We hesitate to offer predictions ourselves, but there is one statement we can make for sure. Building for the future costs money, and no oil company or any other kind of company can make plans without some assurance that it will be financially healthy. American companies must be permitted to continue operating at competitive prices that earn reasonable profits, if we are to have the abundant future we all expect.

Nuggets of Thought

If the power to do hard work is not a talent it is the best possible substitute for it.—James A. Garfield.

Doing easily what others find difficult is talent; doing what is impossible for talent is genius.—Henri-Frederic Amiel.

Talents are best nurtured in solitude; character is best formed in the stormy billows of the world.—Goethe.

If you have great talents, industry will improve them; if but moderate abilities, industry will supply their deficiencies.—Samuel Smiles.

Today pioneers are building tomorrow's progress.—Thomas J. Watson.

Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside them was superior to circumstance.—Bruce Barton.

It is a beautiful necessity of our nature to love something.—Douglas William Jerrold.

The Farmers Speak Up

"A few months ago, I happened to tune in on a radio program being broadcast from a Southern city," notes Dr. George Benson, director of the National Education Program at Searcy, Arkansas. "The speaker was a U. S. senator reporting from Washington to his constituency—via taped recording. The senator was lambasting Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and calling for high rigid price supports for farm products as a permanent agricultural program for the nation. Undoubtedly many political office-holders feel that such a stand is what the farmers want from their senators and representatives in Congress.

"However, Farm and Ranch, published at Nashville, Tennessee, one of the top agricultural publications going to Southern farmers, has just taken a poll of farmers sentiment on national issues and the results may astonish many politicians.

"Nearly 90 per cent of the more than 2,000 farmers participating in the poll favor returning farming to a free supply-and-demand system as soon as possible. And more than half of the farmers think Secretary Benson is going a good job."

Editorial of the Week

SUGGESTED: DEFINITE POLICY.

Keeping up with the Joneses in the standard of nuclear living is quite probably the basis of diplomatic hem-and-haw on the question of test ban. So John Foster Dulles intimated recently in a press conference. And he is quite probably right about it.

You have only to look back over the limited progress of negotiation to see that this is so. For that matter, you have only to place this country in a particular position and consider what its probable attitude would be. Assume for instance, a Soviet Russia with nuclear advance well developed, a suspected adequate stock pile of H and A-bombs, not to mention rocket launchers of all types. Assume with it a United States with progress in these directions but presumably well behind.

It would be logical to expect ourselves to intend to continue experimenting until we could achieve the security of at least believing we were on equal terms.

De Gaulle with a non-atomic nation is an instance. He will not commit France, he says, to a nan-test position until he has an atomic arsenal of his own.

This country should at Geneva play it straight. We should state categorically what we are prepared to do. There can be no ifs and buts to the restrictions we should be willing to accept or to the safeguards that we require to assure that all parties to the contract observe it.—The Dallas Morning News.

RECALLING Other Years

☆ Being news items taken from old files of Your Home - Town Newspaper, The Herald.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

In checking voer our early day iles of The Hamlin Herald we find the following items of interest taken from the issue dated December 28, 1928:

A singing will be held Sunday afternoon at the Nazarene College in South Hamlin.

The John L. Sharp well, west of Hamlin, is producing more than 200 barrels of oil per day. After it blew in two weeks ago, and later was shut down for a few days, it filled with salt water and it was feared the well was not going to be a producer.

Mrs. Harry Dillard and little son, Billy Jack, of Gladstone, New Mexico, are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Feagan. Harry could not leave his sheep and is playing the good shepherd at their ranch this Christmas.

Mrs. J. F. Johnson of Alba is spending the holidays as a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Leach, on the Isbill place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack King of San Angelo are here for Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Pardue.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Among items of interest in the Hamlin community 20 years ago were the following, reprinted from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated December 23, 1938:

There is a Santa Claus! The City of Hamlin has been offered a $129,000 loan and $105,545 as a free grant for improvements to the water facilities of the city under plans of the Works Projects Administration (WPA). A contract has been signed by Mayor Joe Culbertson and government representatives to cover the proposed extensions.

Jones County has ginned 36,452 bales of cotton previous to December 1, according to the government report issued this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett May arrived Monday from Helena, Montana, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. May. Truett was married the past June in Salt Lake City to Mary Margaret Hammer, and this is her first visit to Texas to get acquainted with his people.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson are here from Dallas to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. M. P. May. Johnson is a student at Baylor Medical College.

TEN YEARS AGO

News items of interest in the Hamlin community 10 years ago included the following, reproduced from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated December 23, 1948:

The uncompleted home of Buster Garrett, located north of the Hamlin ball park, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. Origin of the blaze was undetermined.

Needy families of the community will receive gifts of food, clothing and toys in a project being sponsored by the Hamlin Volunteer Fire Department, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Thirteen members of the Pied Piper football team were presented jackets in a special assembly program Monday.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Goings-on in the community five years ago included the following, as recrorded in The Hamlin Herald dated December 25, 1953:

By a vote of approximately 10 to one Hamlin area cotton farmers approved the cotton price parity and acreage allotment program in balloting Monday.

F. W. Poe, farmer living south of town, is being sued for $38,920 damages as a result of an auto accident on December 3 by George E. Bird and wife of Tampa, Florida.

Four directors are to be elected in mail balloting by members of the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce. Votes will be tabulated next Tuesday.

ONE YEAR AGO

The following news bits were taken from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated December 26, 1957:

Cotton continues to roll to gins of the area as strippers by the score hum on area farms.

Bob Johnson and Jerry Smith, Hamlin Boy Scouts, were awarded Eagle Scout badges at ceremonies Friday night at the Boy Scout cabin on Hamlin West Lake.

Most business houses of Hamlin were to be closed Wednesday (Christmas Day) and Thursday in observance of the Yuletide holidays.

Filing for Benefits Early Being Urged By Social Security

Would you like to get your first social security check as soon as possible after entitlement? You can help the social security office get your money to you earlier by applying beforehand and by getting the proofs needed together, according to a release to The Herald from R. R. Tuley Jr., social security district manager in Abilene.

Tuley advised that all persons intending to retire get in touch with the social security ofice one or two months before actual retirement. They should bring with them the papers necessary to establish their rights to benefits. These include the social security card, proof of age, and proof of recent earnings, such as the last W-2 form or last income tax return, with Schedule C or Schedule F and the cancelled check with which the self-employment tax was paid. If the retiring person's wife is 62, she should bring proof of her age. Also, if there are any children under 18, their birth or baptismal certificates or other such proof of age should be furnished.

Severely disabled persons applying for freeze of social security status, if under 50, or for disability payment, if 50 or over, should bring information about medical examinations and treatment and employment for the past several years.

In death cases proof of age is needed for all eligible children, widows over 62, and dependent parents. Widows eligible for monthly benefits must furnish proof of marriage. Proof of death must be obtained in all cases.

Tuley cautioned that no one should delay filing his claim because the necessary proofs are not readily available. The social security office will be happy to assist in securing them.

English Workshop Attended by Hamlin Teacher Recognized

It was announced this week by university officials that the special workshop in English last sumer on the Midwestern University campus at Wichita Falls, attended by a Hamlin teacher, has received a special commendation and citation from the National Council of Teachers of English.

Director of the MU workshop was Dr. Madge Davis, chairman of the department of English and journalism, and the instructors were Dr. Sumner Ives of Tulane University and Dr. Priscilla Tyler of Western Reserve University. The enrollment in the workshop last summer was limited to 30 students and included local and area teachers of English who for the first time were given instruction in the new linguistic approach in the teaching of English. Mrs. Charles Scott, head of the English department at Hamlin High School, was among the 30 teachers selected for the workshop.

Card Form 1040-A May Be Simplest But Expensive Tax Return

The new card Form 1040-A is a mighty tempting way to file an easy tax return for folks with less than $10,000 gross income, points out Tax Man Sam in a release to The Herald.

A lot of taxpayers do not like to read tax instructions. However, reading the tax information booklet you get in the mail just after Santa Claus has visited you can prove might, mighty profitable. It will probably pay you to read the tax instruction booklet carefully before you decide on whether to file a simple Form 1040-A, if you are eligible, or to use a regular Form 1040 and take the deductions that are allowed on the Form 1040 that cannot be taken on the Form 1040-A.



Top Horse Breeders To Be at Stock Show

Eight of the nation's top breeders, exhibitors and trainers of horses will judge at the 1959 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, scheduled January 30 through February 8.

Douglas B. Mitchell is superintendent of the Fort Worth horse show.

Among judges for the show are Garland Bradshaw of Danville, Kentucky, B. A. Skipper Jr. of Longview, Colonel W. H. Greer of Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Elmer A. Potter of North Bartmouth, Massachusetts, and Elmer W. Hepler of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

A LOGICAL RETORT.

The teacher had been telling the class about the larger animals. "Now, Henry," she said, "tell me where the elephant is found."

Henry hesitated for a moment, and then his face lit up. "The elephant," he intoned, "is such a very large animal it hardly ever gets lost."

Some people are willing to lend a hand if they think they have a chance of borrowing two later.

REFERENDUM

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opportunity to elect a choice between (A complying with their "regular" farm allotments—with price support available at not less than 80 per cent of parity for the 1959 crop of upland cotton, or (B) complying with an increased farm allotment 40 per cent larger thon the "regular" farm allotment—with support at a level of 15 per cent of parity lower than under the first choice; quota penalties will apply to any cotton purchased in excess of the chosen allotment.

Farmers have already received notices of the allowed acreages for their individual farms giving information of both programs.

Parity prices for the choice of the individual farmers will be sent later by the county offices throughout the state to cotton growers of upland cotton in their particular counties.

The level of price support will be determined about the last day of January, and each farm operator will be notified of the price support available for his cotton depending on his choice of program A or B. He must register his choice not later than March 16, 1959.

See the 1959 line of wallpapers now on display at Paul Bryan Lumber Company. 9-tfc

Children sometimes tear it up, but they never break up a home.

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CLOSED for Christmas Holidays

No time of the year is more generally accepted around the world as Christmas. It is a happy time for family and friends, business associates and others. But in the hustle and bustle of the holiday, we trust we are not losing sight of its religious signifcance.

In observance of the Christastime, in order to give our employees a little more time with their families, we will close Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, at noon, and remain close until Friday morning, December 26. Our patrons will please arrange their banking business accordingly.

"Solid As A Rock"

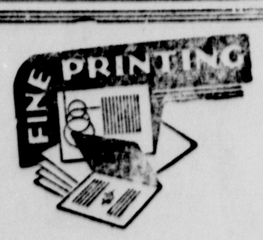
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Plans for Hamlin March of Dimes Made at Meeting

Ed Croan, manager of Winn's Variety Store, was named drive campaign manager for the Hamlin community for the annual March of Dimes, to be conducted during January, it was announced following a meeting of Jones chapter officials of the National Foundation with local people last Thursday evening at the Board of Community Development office.

Preliminary plans for the annual campaign for funds to fight polio and other diseases were laid at the meeting. Croan will name his helpers for the drive within a few days.

No goal has been assigned for the Hamlin community.

John Scarborough was named drive chairman for the Neinda community.

Attending the Thursday evening conference in Hamlin were Joe Stiles of Odessa, West Texas representative of the foundation; Mrs. Amie Gardner of Midland, field representative; Dr. Hugo Haterius of Ericksdahl, Jones County chapter chairman; and Mrs. Ned Moore, county campaign chairman.

Other county chapter officers are: Mrs. Alton McClellan of Stamford, secretary; Charles Robertson of Anson, assistant county campaign chairman; and Mrs. Lois Stevens of Hamlin, activities chairman.

MISINTERPRETED.

Policeman—"What's your name, sir?"

Cart Driver—"'Tis there on the side o' me wagon."

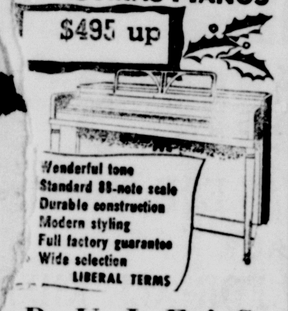
Policeman (trying to read the name)—"Sure, and it's obliterated."

Cart Driver—"Yer wrong entirely. 'Tis O'Brannigan."

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TEXAS 4-H CLUB WINNERS—Four Texans were among the winners in the National 4-H Club Congress held in Chicago. They are (seated): Ellen Latta of Groom, winner of 4-H dairy foods demonstration; (left to right, standing): Norman Warminski of White Deer, winner of the 4-H safety program; William Morton of Wichita Falls, winner of 4-H tractor program; and Ray Dunlap of Jayton, winner of soil and water conservation program. They received awards of $400 scholarships.

Cotton Farmers Urged to Use Care in Selecting High Quality Planting Seed

Because of continued unfavorable weather in Central West Texas during the cotton season, some trouble in saving high quality planting seed from this year's cotton crop may be experienced by farmers of the Hamlin area, declares County Agent Kirby Clayton.

This situation is true in many sections of the state, warns Fred C. Elliott, extension cotton specialist. In some areas, he says, cotton harvesting conditions have been even worse than those of a year ago. Excessive moisture, cotton root rot and angular leaf spot diseases are contrcibuting to lower quality seed from some sections. Continued high moisture in the field is cause for high free fatty acid content in the seed and this lowers germination.

Elliott advises that sufficient quantities of good quality seed of known varieties be saved and carefully stored. A continuing check of seed in storage is suggested. This is one of those seasons, he points out, when even seed with a low moisture content cannot be stored and their keeping quality forgotten until next spring.

Here are Elliott's suggestions for handling the seed situation: Check seed closely by cutting a sample with a knife before storing; store only seed with high germination (80 per cent is very good) and low free fatty acid content; save seed for bulk storage containing less than 12 per cent moisture unless good facilities for drying and cooling are available; small quantities of seed should be turned and sacked, and large quantities for bulk storage should be cured by pulling air through them with a fan and duct system.

U. S. Department of Agriculture research shows that a moisture content of 13.6 per cent is the critical point beyond which storage may quickly become disastrous, says Elliott. The moisture content in all stored seed, if possible, should be brought down to 10 or 11 per cent. Air should be pulled through the seed only during daylight hours and in fair weather, with the hours between 10:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. as the preferred period.

Windbreak Seedlings Still Available for Farmers of Territory

Windbreak seedlings are available again this year through the Texas Forest Service at College Station, according to Kirby Clayton, county agent. Varieties still available for windbreaks are Ponderosa pine, red cedar, Austrian pine, Chinese elm, honey locust, sycamore, cottonwood, mulberry and osage orange.

In order to be eligible for seedlings, you must agree that they will be planted in Texas, must not be resold, or used for ornamental purposes, and they must be protected from fire, cattle and destructive insects.

Orders must be for 100 or more trees (no order for less than a total of 100 trees of one species will be accepted), orders must be received before March 1, and payment must be remitted with order. Cost fo the one-year seedlings is $1.25 per 100 prepaid. Shipping season begins about February 1 and ends April 1. The sooner your order is sent in the better chance you have of getting the desired variety.

If you are interested in more information on the windbreak seedlings or in getting an order blank, contact the county agent's office at Anson.

Many a good argument is knocked down and run over by progress.

State Chamber of Commerce Office Opening at Austin

Operation of a Texas State Chamber of Commerce will be initiated in January. Headquarters will be in Austin.

Organization of the state chamber rby the four regional Chambers of Commerce in Texas was announced jointly this week by officials of the regional chambers. The four regional chambers are the East Texas Chamber of Commerce with headquarters at Longview, the Lower Valley Chamber at Weslaco, the South Texas Chamber at San Antonio, and the West Texas Chamber at Abilene.

The growth and complexity o tax problems confronting the citizens of Texas and of legislation regarded as restrictive on the growth of industrial development have created the need for urgent action at the state level on those matters where a common viewpoint may exsit," the announcement said.

The regional chambers will continue work in the fields of economic promotion of their own areas of the state, but will "exert unified influence" through the newly created organization:

1. For economy in government
2. For a more effective and broader ciitzenship participation in public affairs;
3. For the preservation of a proper climate for the creation of new jobs in business and industry; and
4. To encourage appropriate restraint on increases in the government imposed costs of doing business in Texas.

Only One Due to Be in County Draft Call in January

Only one man will be drafted int oservice from Jones County during January, it is estimated this week.

The state quota for Texas draft boards in January calls for 359 men, Colonel Morris S. Schwartz, state selective service director, announced Wednesday.

The state's January call of 359 compares with a quota of 462 for December, previously announced. The January call is the state's share of a national quota of 9,000 men, all for the Army.

The state director of selective service said that as a result of the drop in the monthly quota, there would be no pre-induction mental and physical examinations in January.

Local board quotas for the January induction are scheduled to be mailed by state selective service headquarters Wednesday.

The January quota will be filled with men who are at least 22 years old on January 1, with the exception of volunteers or delinquents, who may be younger.

The January induction quota is the lowest monthly call on Texas since December, 1957, when the call was for 340.

Monthly quotas for the state in 1958 were: January 493, February 641, March 660, April 679, May 677, June 519, July 538, August 539, September 573, October 564, November 556, and December 462.

NO NEED FOR RED TAPE.

Said the clerk to the couple requesting the marriage license: "I'm sorry, but a license can be issued only when the form is properly filled out."

"That's ridiculous!" snapped the groom-to-be. "I can marry her regardless of what she looks like."

Its a good idea to remember that life is a game of chance and the cards are usually stacked against you.

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As tolling bells pierce the early morn with their Christmas proclamation, we extend to each and every one of you, our sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday.

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HOW BOUT THAT By RALPH TEE



SHORT COUNT-DOWN.

"I just saw your family ghost stairs," gasped a man who was siting an old mansion.

"Did it give you a start?" asked his host.

Replied the guest, "I didn't need one."

Pepole who accept invitations should sometimes send them out.

VISITING IN LOUISIANA.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown and son left Saturday for Houma, Louisiana, where the are spending two weeks with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Rowland.

Publicity may be an art, but there is a lot of artificial publicity.

CASHING IN.

During a recent convention of atom scientists at Las Vegas, one of the professors spent his whole free time at the gambling tables. A couple of his colleagues were discussing their friend's weakness.

"Hotchkiss gambles as if there were no tomorrow," said one.

"Maybe," commented the other, "he knows something."

Pupil Doing His Best More Important Than Grades, Says Cook

Grading is one of the most misunderstood phases of our school program, declares Superintendent of Hamln Schools C. F. Cook in a letter mailed to parents last week. The letter says:

"We are always interested in helping the parents of our students with our school policies and activities.

"Parents should not be so concerned about whether their child makes all As or Cs, but should be concerned about how they make them. Over-emphasis of grades at home sometimes is very harmful to the student twho is not capable of reaching the level demanded. If your child is doing his best, the grade he makes is not too important, but whether he or she is doing his best is what counts.

"We have done a great deal of testing in order to assist the teacher in determining whether a child is doing his best. We also give tests in order to assist the students in finding their interest. If you are interested in knowing your child's abilities, we will be more than happy to show you as a parent these results, and point out ways and ways of helping your child. We hope that this information will be of some value to you."

Hard work is probably a good thing for mankind but there are many people who want very little of the good thing.



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Hunt's FRUIT COCKTAIL	No. 300 Cans	2 for 45c
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Shurfine APPLE SAUCET	No. 300 Cans	15c
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Myco ORANGES	11-oz. Cans	2 for 45c
Wapco Whole GREEN BEANS	No. 303 Cans	2 for 35c
Our Darling WHOLE KERNEL CORN	No. 303 Cans	2 for 35c
Kounty Kist ENGLISH PEAS	No. 303 Cans	2 for 27c
Shurfine ALL GREEN ASPARAGUS	No. 303 Cans	2 for 45c
Shurfine NEW POTATOES	No. 303 Cans	2 for 25c
Hunt's TOMATO JUICE	No. 300 Can	10c
Supreme MILKOLET STICKS	7½-oz. Pkg.	29c
Nabisco TWIRLS	1-lb. Pkg.	45c
Sunshine CUP CUSTARD	1lb. Pkg	45c
Shurfine PUMPKIN	No. 303 Cans	2 for 21c
Shurfine TOMATOES	No. 303 Cans	2 for 39c
Shurfine POPCORN	10-oz. Can	2 for 25c
All Flavors JELLO	Reg. Pkgs.	3 for 25c
Baker's ANGEL FLAKE COCOANUT	7-oz. Pkg.	29c
Swandown White, Yellow or Chocolate CAKE MIXES	Pkg.	29c
Chicken of the Sea TUNA FISH	No. ½ Can	31c
Hershey's DAINTIES	8-oz. Pkg.	23c
Kraft's FRENCH DRESSING	8-oz. Jar	23c
Baby Emerald WALNUTS	Pound	35c
Shurfine STRAWBERRY PRESERVES	20-oz. Glass	38c
Shurfine PEACH PRESERVES	20-oz. Glass	30c
Gladiola FLOUR	5-lb. Pkg.	47c
Aunt Jemima CORN MEAL	5-lb. Bag	39c

Santa Claus will be at our store all day Christmas Eve. See him, kids!

Fine Meat Specials

Half or Whole HAMS	Pound	59c
Swift's Cooked Fruit Decorated PICNIC HAMS	Lb.	65c
Armour's Thick SLICED BACON	2-lb. Pkg.	$1.18
Half or Whole FRESH HAMS	Pound	55c
Fresh Dressed FAT HENS	Pound	45c

PRODUCE Specials

Texas ORANGES	Pound	8c
Fancy Bleached CELERY	Large Bunch	13c
Delicious Extra Fancy APPLES	Pound	15c
No. 1 YAMS	Pound	8c
Red or White POTATOES	10-lb. Bag	45c

Frozen Food Specials

Libby's NGE JUICE	6-oz. Can	25c
Keith's BROCCOLI SPEARS	Pkg.	22c
Ready to Bake JEAN'S ROLLS	Pkg.	27c
Simple Simon APPLE PIES	Each	47c
CHERRY PIES		47c
PEACH PIES		47c



The Herald's Page for Women



Sunshiners Bluebird Group Has Had Interesting Experiences This Fall

The Sunshiners Group of Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls of the fourth grade, have certainly been fulfilling the Bluebird wish—to go to interesting places, to make beutiful things, to know about nature and to make friends—the past year.

When their meetings started in September they elected officers to serve until January. They are: Belinda Woods, president Rheaina Sanderlin, vice president; Margaret Ann Johnson, secretary; Lynn Brannon, treasurer; Sherry Cox, reporter; Vickie Newland, song leader; Sue Roddy, assistant song leader; Linda Goodwin, pianist; Janet Kelly, assistant pianist; Janet Kelly, assistant pianof the Bluebird wish.

Some of their activities have been nature study of leaves which included a hike to the City Park, where different kinds of leaves were collected to be mounted.

Two intersting trips have been made—one to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank and the other to the Harden Memorial Library.

At Halowe'en time the group made decorations for the Camp Fire Girls' hut.

Programs of music, musical games, stories and books have been presented by the group.

This week on Monday the group enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Jack Wicker sponsored by the leaders and sponsors. At this time secret pals were revealed.

Members of the group are Belinda Woods, Joy Bond, Linda Lee, Lynn Brannon, Sherry Cox, Betty Daniels, Vickie Acklin, Brenda Lee, Janet Kelly, Jackie Jenkins, Linda Goodwin, Theresa Gabriel, Margaret Ann Johnson, Suzanne Wicker, Vickie Newland, Mary Ann Van Duren, Sharon Jordan, Louise Lujan, Sue Roddy, Jeanie Young and Rheaina Sanderlin. Mary Lou Woods is the group mascot.

Leaders are Mrs. Wilson R. Brannon and Mrs. James Woods. Assistant leaders are Mrs. H. R. Daniel and Mrs. Woodrow Goodwin, [illegible] Mrs. W. T. Johnson, Mrs. Jack Wicker, Mrs. Bo Newland and Mrs. Richard Young.

McCaulley Women In Christmas Meeting

Annual Christmas party of the McCaulley Home Demonstration Club was held in the home of Mrs. Jerry Maberry, who has recently redecorated her home.

Mrs. Willie Fancher was program man, and presided over the Christmas program which was as follows: Scripture reading by Mrs. Louis Boyd. Song, "Away in a Manger," by Ann Kemp. Christmas story, Mrs. Fred Kemp. Mrs. Ben Kemp offered the prayer.

From the gaily decorated tree gifts were exchanged. Club pals were revealed and new club pal names were drawn for 1959.

Next meeting of the club will be on Monday, January 8, in the home of Mrs. Louis Boyd.

Methodist Women Meet in Cotten Home

Members of the Cook Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church met Monday in the home of Mrs. W. B. Cotten with 14 members and one visitor present.

Following the opening prayer by Mrs. Cotten, the chairman, Mrs. C. F. Cook, presided over a short business session. Minutes were read by Mrs. V. V. Anderson, secretary, and approved.

Mrs. A. B. Carlton presented the program. The scripture was read by Mrs. Watson, and she also read the Christmas story.

The hostess served coffee, cake and fruit cup to attendants following the program.

Next meeting of the group will be with Mrs. Anderson on January 26.

Three Marys Stage Annual Christmas Party for Husbands

Continuing a custom of almost 25 years three Hamlin area women whose given names are Mary and whose birthdays all come on the same day, December 10, last Monday evening celebrated the occasion with a dinner for their husbands.

Following a big feast prepared by the three Marys, the group played games for a social session.

Attendants at the affair, which was started back in 1924, were Mr. and Mrs. Troy Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhoton.

The dinner was served in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rhoton, southaest of town five miles.

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THESE WOMEN! By d'Alessio



"But it was a slip of the tongue, darling! I meant to say you were deductible—not expendable!"

Well Lighted Place to Study and Read Important to Relief of Bad Eyestrain

Every home needs well lighted, cheerful places to study and read. A good desk lamp properly placed goes far in preventing eye strain and reducing fatigue, according to extension home furnishing specialists.

A table lamp, wall model or even a pair of wall lamps can do the job. The important thing is to be sure the lamp is equipped with a glass or plastic reflector bowl under the shade, or with a wide harp to accommcodate an indirect type bulb. Both these types of under-shade construction give a combination of upward and downward light that reduces the eye irritating difference in brightness betwen the desk top and the rest of the room.

Height of the lamp from the desk is very important, too. A lamp that is too short gives such a small spread of light that part of the desk is virtually dark. A lamp that is too tall places the bottom of the shade above eye level with a resulting brightness that is uncomfortable. Most people find that a height of 15 inches between desk top and bottom of the lamp shade is most satisfactory.

Third important factor ment of the lamp on the desk. It should be placed on the side of the desk opposite the writing hand. If twin lamps are used, such as two wall lamps, mount them with the center of the shades about 30 inches apart.

As for the amount of light—150 watts is the minimum recommended for a wall or table lamp, while a pair of wall lamps should have a minimum of 100 watts each.

Lastly, a light colored desk with a dull finish is the most comfortable when working under a lamp. If such a surface is not available, a light colored desk blotter will help in eliminating reflections.

TIME'S A-WASTIN'.

Talkative Barber—"Your hair seems to be turning a little gray sir."

Impatient Customer—"I'm not surprised. Can't you work a little faster?"

Members of B&PW Attend Area Seminar On Mental Health

Mrs. A. A. Hackley, Mrs. Jean Davis and Mrs. John Howard Jr. attended a seminar on mental health sponsored by Business and Professional Women's Clubs of the Central West Texas area last Wednesday evening at the Wooten Hotel in Abilene.

Women from clubs at Hamlin, Sweetwater, Baird, Brownwood and Snyder were hosted by the Abilene B&PW Club.

The seminar was one of five such sessions conducted throughout the state by Business and Professional Women's Club. The Abilene session was in charge of Dr. Glenn V. Ramsey of Austin, a consulting psychologist. He also served with the Hogg Foundation.

In a chilk talk lecture Dr. Ramsey used statistics to present the new role of women working in activities of health work.

Christmas Social of Naomi SS Class Held In Carl Young Home

Annual Christmas social of the Naomi Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Carl Young. Hostesses were Mrs. Young, Mrs. Winnawee Abbott and Mrs. Ruby Perryman.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the class teacher, Mrs. Vincie Walton. After a short business session, an exchange of gifts was conducted.

Lillian Greer was in charge of the program.

Refreshments of spiced tea and apple pie were served to the following attendants: Mmes. Fred Kidwell, J. A. Kidwell, Mayme Deel, Winnawee Abbott, Mattie Lafler, Lillian Greer, Stella West, Ola Waymire, Clara O'Neal, Lela Lain, Valetta Niedecken, Lurline Young, Billy Goodman, Ruby Perryman, Vincie Walton, Dicie Rodgers and Ruby Brown.

Christmas Dinner Given at Neinda for Good Neighbor Club

Members of the Good Neighbor Home Demonstration Club held their annual Christmas dinner at the Neinda community ceter last Friday night.

Several girls sang Christmas carols just before Noel Weaver led the group in prayer.

A delicious meal of ham, chicken and dressing and all the trimmings was enjoyed by 13 members and their families and five visitors.

After the meal, Floyd Gauntt showed pictures of the trip made by him and his wife to Europe which were very interesting.

Visitors were Vicky Newland, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown, Guy Poe and Mrs. Vera Jayroe. Members and families were the James Browns, L. R. Faulkenberrys, Floyd Gaunts, Sam Hodges, Elmer Joiners, Buck Joiners, Jack Kellys, Dale Lains, Lewis Earl Maddens, J. E. McCoys, J. J. Stanfords, A. A. Smith and the Noel Weavers. The Dwain Stephens were the only members absent.

Friendship SS Class Has Christmas Dinner In Roy Kelly Home

Members of the Friendship Sunday School Class of the Faith Methodist Church held their Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelly.

Attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Bond, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Crowley, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Stice, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lawliss, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dominey, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McGuire, Rev. and Mrs. Gene Moore, Mr. and Gerald Renfro, Mrs. Jimmie Austin and the host and hostess.



PARIS-INSPIRED—The gaiety and feminity of French fashion silhouettes appear in new cotton plisse sleepwear by M. C. Schrank. Left, a pajama jacket with the Chanel look tops knee-length pantaloon pants. Right, fresh spring flower motifs decorate ballerina-style pajamas with matching bloomer panties.

Eggs, Always Good Buys, Supply Needed Vitamins and Proteins

Snce the early caveman learned to eat the egg of the wild jungle fowl, the egg has bene one of the most popular foods of mankind. No other food of animal origin, according to Marshall Miller, extenson poultry marketing specialist, is eaten and relished by so many people the world over or served n any greater variety of ways.

Eggs, points out Miller, supply proteins of the highest quality—proteins which contain all of the needed amino acids or body building nutrients so essential to good health. Eggs also contain vitamins and minerals which are needed for a balanced diet. These include vitamins A, E and K, and all B vitamins including B-12. They are second to fish liver oils as a natural source of vitamin D and are especially recognized as a rich source of unsaturated fats, iron, phosphorus and trace minerals.

Miller reminds food shoppers that eggs are a top buy any time when compared on a pound-for-pound basis with other protein foods.

Almeta Niedecken To Wed Anson Man

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Niedecken Sr. of Hamlin are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tessie Almeta, to Stanley Leon Kirby of Anson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kirby Sr. of Anson.

The wedng will take place on February 14 at 7:00 p. m. in the home of the bride-elect's parents.

The bride-elect, a 1956 graduate of Hamlin High School, is a nurse at the Stamford Hospital. The bridegroom-to-be is a 1951 graduate of Anson High School. He is engaged in farming with his father and also works for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee (ASC) office in Anson.

When you need rubber stamps see The Hamlin Herald.

Christmas Dinner Meeting of B&PW Club Held Tuesday

An interesting program on "Career Advancement" was presented at the December dinner meeting of the Hamlin Business and Professional Women's Club Tuesday evening at the Primary School cafetorium.

Leone Brown was leader of the program, and other women on her committee are Pearl Hudson, Pat Harrisno, Oleta Avants and Zelma Hulse.

Following the opening prayer by Mrs. Gene Moore, the high school Girls of the Month, Jo Ann Hallum and Peggy Killion, were presented by Zelma Hulse. Mary Hollis was another visitor presented.

A vocal duet was rendered by Ann Richey and Eddie Gabriel, "When Jesus Gave His All," accompanied by Carol Jo Simpson at the piano. Zelma Hulse talked on "The Hope of Christmas," and Leone Brown gave "A Christmas Legend."

The entire group concluded the program by singing Christmas carols led by Jean Davis.

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Oysters Maryland Standard — Pint **99¢**

Ham Rath — Ready to Eat 5-Lb. Can **$4.99**

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Stuffing Bread 1½-Lb. Loaf **00¢** Mrs. Wright's — Baked with Neutral Flavor

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Pascal Celery Crisp and Crunchy... A Christmas Must! **19¢**

Navel Oranges Large Sunkist, for that Fruit Salad. Lb. **9¢**

Fresh Cranberries Late Howe Lb. **19¢**

Golden Bananas Finest Quality Lb. **10¢**

Delicious Apples Extra Fancy, Med. Size Washington State Lb. **13¢**

Yellow Onions Just Right Flavor Lb. **6¢**

Party Pride Ice Cream All Flavors... The Finest Quality. ½-Gal. Ctn. **69¢**

Walnuts Baby Emerald 1-Lb. Cello **35¢** Large Diamond 1-Lb. Cello **45¢**

Egg Nog Mix Lucerne — Finest Quality Ctn. Qt. **55¢**

Cragmont Mixers Collins, Lemon-Lime, Sparkling Water, Ginger Ale. Plus Btl. Dep. 2 Full Qts. **23¢**

Mince Meat Snails Curtsy — Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Bakery Special 7-Oz. Pkg. **19¢**

Safeway Stores will close at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24, and will remain closed All Day, Christmas, December 25. Shop Early for the Holiday.

Idea: **Safeway Turkeys make wonderful gifts***
...to these other fine holiday treats...
**It's easy with Safeway Gift Certificates at any Safeway—redeemable at any Safeway*



Cane Sugar Imperial or Domino 5-Lb. Bag **51¢**

Cranberry Sauce Ocean Spray Whole or Jellied 300 Can **21¢**

Del Monte Beans Green Beans Whole 303 Can **23¢**

Del Monte Corn Cream Style Golden 2 303 Can **33¢**

Olives Crown Stuffed Thrown Manzanilla 3-Oz. Btl. **15¢**

Beverages Cragmont — All Flavors Only Special Price, Plus Bottle Dep 2 Full Qts. **19¢**

Satin Mix Roxbury Christmas Candy 14-Oz. Pkg. **33¢**

Cream Cheese Kraft Philadelphia 2 3-Oz. Pkg. **27¢**

Whipping Cream Lucerne ½-Pt. Ctn. **00¢**

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Mince Meat Little Cook For Your Pies 9-Oz. Pkg. **23¢**

Mixed Nuts For the Nut Bowl 1-Lb. Cello **49¢**

Strawberries Bel-air Frozen Sliced 10-Oz. Pkg. **19¢**

Sliced Peaches Or Halves — Highway No. 2½ Can **27¢**

Moisture Conditions in Region During November Below Normal for Month

...ture conditions in the Ham... and most of the rest ...e were lower during ...than during October, ... to the monthly water ...ions report for the month ...issued ... Texas Board ... Water E...

The R... ...d rivers ...rom the C... ...stward was gene... ...l dur... ing Nove... ...from ...upstream ... ...aining much of the flow of the lower Trinity, Brazos and Colorado Rivers. West of the Colorado River the major streams continued to have normal or above normal discharge as a result of sustained high base flow.

Total usable water in 94 major reservoirs in Texas decreased ...440 acre feet during Novem... to 8,644,460 acre feet, which ...85 per cent of conservation capacity. Total storage, which includes temporary storage of water in flood pools, was 10,067,090 acre feet or about 47 per cent of total storage capacity.

All selected observation wells from Houston to El Paso recorded a rise in water level during the month of November. A new high water level for the month was recorded in the Travis County well near Buda. Observation wells in the Houston and El Paso districts recorded a rise during the month, but water levels were still at record lows for November. The well in Uvalde recorded a rise in water level for the fifteenth consecutive month.

Average temperatures were a little above normal for November. First freeze of the season coincided with the first week-end of the month. On the 29th freezing temperatures dipped down to a line extending from Beaumont to San Antonio to Del Rio.

Precipitation was below normal for the month except in the lower Rio Grande Valley and the Dallas-Fort Worth area, according to a survey just completed by the U. S. Weather Bureau state climatologist at Austin.

Rainfall totals for the month of November and the accumulated totals for the year at selected weather bureau stations are shown below:

Station—	Nov. Fall	Total for Year
Abilene	.71	27.26
Amarillo	.60	21.06
Austin	.87	39.87
Brownsville	1.61	45.48
Corpus Christi	.84	34.11
Dallas	2.48	31.72
El Paso	.20	17.19
Fort Worth	2.26	34.59
Galveston	1.69	32.04
Houston	1.32	43.14
Laredo	.58	29.79
Lubbock	.34	17.55
Midland-Odessa	.88	21.96
Port Arthur	2.74	43.23
San Angelo	.66	18.31
San Antonio	.77	34.51
Victoria	1.12	36.73
Waco	1.81	34.37
Wichita Falls	.57	19.20
Shreveport, La.	3.75	46.07

Present water storage of reservoirs in the Central West Texas area and the percentage of capacities follow:

Reservoir—	Present Ac. Feet	% of Cap.
Fort Phantom	74,310	96
Paint Creek	60,000	91
Possum Kingdom	724,700	77
Lake Whitney	381,860	99
J. B. Thomas	204,000	85
Colorado City	30,700	75
Oak Creek	39,260	84
San Angelo	119,200	75
Lake Buchanan	955,000	84
Red Bluff	307,000	01
Falcon	1,218,000	100

Texas' first telegraph line was built into Marshall February 14, 1854, from Shreveport, Louisiana. Later in the year the line was extended to Rusk, Henderson, Palestine, Montgomery and Houston.

"Texas" came from "Tejas," an Indian word meaning friends or allies. The name was applied to Indian tribes living around Spanish missions in Eastern Texas.



NEW TEXAN—President Adolfo Lopez Meteos (center) smiles in his office in Mexico City after being made an honorary citizen of Texas. He is shaking hands with Bill Daniel, brother of the Texas governor, who holds the citizenship certificate he has just presented. At left are Mayor and Mrs. Raymond Tellez of El Paso, and at extreme right Mrs. Daniel.

Attendance Climbs At Sunday Schools But Still Below Norm

Sunday Schools of churches of Hamlin regained part of their lost attendance total last Sunday, but the figure was still below the normal total at the schools.

The 1,195 total for Sunday was 113 more than the 1,082 total for the previous Sunday, and was 122 more than the 1,077 figure for a year ago. Attendance figures, by churches for December 21, December 14 and a year ago follow:

Churches—	Dec. 21	Dec. 14	Year Ago
Ch. of Nazarene	100	87	90
Foursquare Gospel	63	67	59
Oak Gr. Col. Baptist	58	31	31
First Methodist	219	172	195
No. Central Baptist	63	62	77
Mexican Baptist	38	38	47
Sunset Baptist	52	30	45
Church of Christ	138	150	117
First Baptist	324	327	338
Faith Methodist	56	45	19
Assembly of God	42	38	29
Calvary Baptist	42	35	60
Totals	1195	1082	1077

School Students of City Get Long Recess

The more than 1,000 students of the four schools of Hamlin are this week enjoying the longest Christmas holiday period they have had in several years—two full weeks of no classes being allowed by school officials.

Classes were dismissed at 2:45 last Friday afternoon, and work will not be resumed until Monday, January 5, according to Superintendent of Schools C. F. Cook.

Fiesta de San Jacinto, held annually in San Antonio, commemorates the Texas victory at the battle of San Jacinto, fought on April 21, 1836. The fiesta is a week-long affair.

The scientist who doesn't have his head in the clouds these days has been misdirected.

TEXANS IN WASHINGTON

By Tex Easley, AP Washington Correspondent

Washington.—Five Texans patrol the Washington scene watching developments affecting the oil and gas industry.

They maintain offices here and are in constant touch with federal agencies and members of Congress on matters relating to the industry.

Claude Wild Jr., formerly of Austin, runs the Washington office of the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, which has thousands of members in Texas and other oil producing states.

A graduate of the University of Texas with a business administration degree in 1943, Wild served three years in the Navy, then returned to the university to get a law degree in 1949. He came to Washington that same year and quickly made a name for himself as a golfer. Last year he won the District of Columbia and Maryland state amateur championships. He repeated this year in the Maryland tournament. Wild is president of the Texas State Society of Washington. Mrs. Wild is the former Nadine King of Corpus Christi.

Curtis Morris, one time manager of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, manages the Washington office of the American Gas Association. He is to be found almost any day at the Federal Power Commission, attending hearings or checking regulations effecting any of the many natural gas pipeline and producing companies belonging to the organization.

Morris was born in Ohio and got a bachelor of arts degree at Ohio University and a master's degree from the University of Colorado. He joined the faculty of Arkansas State College in Jonesboro, where he met and married a fellow instructor, former Daisy Mildred Jones, formerly of Vernon, and a 1925 graduate of the University of Texas. In 1929 he became manager of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce with headquarters at Longview, holding that post until 1949 when he went to Houston to become associated with the gas pipeline industry. He took the Washington job in 1953. The couple has two children, a son serving as a doctor with the Army Air Force in Saudi Arabia; and a daughter, Mrs. H. D. Medley of Corpus Christi.

Harold Kennedy, formerly of Palestine and a state legislator from that area from 1938 to 1942, operates an office here for the Ohio Oil Company. The concern's principal holdings are in Texas.

Kennedy was elected to the Legislature at the age of 22, shortly after graduation from the University of Texas with a law degree. He served in the Navy from 1942 to 1945, then came to Washington with the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association. His wife is the former Helen Hancock, who was a beauty queen at Baylor in 1941.

William J. Merrill, one time county judge of Panola County, is the Washington representative of Humble Oil Company. Born and reared at Stephenville, he attended John Tarleton College and then got a law degree from the University of Texas in 1939. He was in the Army from 1942 to 1945. Mrs. Merrill is the former Syble Elliott of Henderson. They have three daughters.

H. D. Coe, latest comer among Texans to the ranks of petroleum industry watchdogs here, hails originally from Kilgore. A 1950 graduate of the University of Texas with a chemical engineering degree, he spent two and one-half years in Corpus Christi before taking his present post with the Sun Oil Company last May. His wife is the former Barbara Coleman of Houston.

A sixth Texan is much involved in oil matters in Washington, but in a completely different capacity. Navy Captain M. V. Carson Jr., who hails from Hearne, where his mother still lives, is administrator of the government's program for voluntary reduction of oil imports. His offices are in the Department of Interior, with the department's oil and gas division. He is on loan from the Navy for the assignment.

Freight Carloadings For Santa Fe Decline

Freight carloadings for the Santa Fe Railway System for the week ending December 13, 1958, wer 24,975 compared with 425,65 for the same week a year ago, reflecting a decline. Cars received from connections totaled 11,021 compared with 10,404 for the same week in 1956.

Total cars moved were 35,996 compared with 36,058 for the same week a year ago. Santa Fe handled a total of 35,233 cars in the preceding week this year.

The average person not only is responsible for his own troubles, but he uses poor judgment in choosing the ones he brings upon himself.

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VETERAN QUESTIONS

The questions and answers below about veteran problems are carried as a service to present and former service connected personnel by The Herald. Material for this column is supplied by the area office of the Veterans Administration at Lubbock.

Question.—This fall I will be taking a college pre-med course under the Korean GI bill in the same city where I now have a job in a drug store. My boss wants me to go on working for him part time. Would those drug store earnings cut down on my GI allowance?

Answer.—No. You may earn any amount at all in your spare time without having your school allowance reduced. In fact, veterans in school under the GI bill do not even have to report outside earnings to the VA.

Q.—I am receiving disability compensation payments, and, according to a statement from my physician, my disability has become worse. Is his statement enough to qualify me for increased payment from VA?

A.—The evidence provided by your physician must be verified by an official VA physical examination. If VA finds your condition has become worse, the compensation increase may be made effective as of the date VA received the evidence from your physician.

Q.—I am a World War II veteran, still carrying GI term insurance, which is getting pretty expensive. Can I convert just part of it to a permanent plan or must I convert all of it at once?

A.—You may convert part of your GI term insurance to permanent insurance if you wish. However, insurance must be converted in multiples of $500, and the minimum amount that may be converted is $1,000.

Q.—I live in an area where VA can make GI home loans direct to veterans. One of our local builders is planning to put up some houses and wants to contract with me to buy one with a GI loan. He has an advance financing commitment from the VA to help him build these houses. Just what is that?

A.—An advance financing commitment from the VA is an arrangement whereby sums of money up to $135,000 for any one builder may be set aside and used by VA to make loans direct to veterans who agree to buy houses the builder will erect. The builder is charged a two per cent fee for this service, and has three months, which may be extended, in which to contract with eligible veterans for the purchase or construction of the homes.



WINNER—Delores Ann Krenek won high score in the cotton division of the 1958 State 4-H Dress Revue at the Texas State Fair in Dallas. Her smart navy cotton is a double-duty dress. The jacket may be removed for party wear.

Taxpayer Assistance Offered by Internal Revenue on Returns

The Internal Revenue Service is holding taxpayer assistance day every Monday morning between January 5 and April 15 again this year, announces Tax Man Sam in a release to The Herald. Taxpayers who have problems they cannot solve by reading their tax instructioins that they receive in the mail should plan on either telephoning or visiting the Internal Revenue Service office on Monday morning if they need help.

There are 20 Internal Revenue Service offices located in the major cities throughout the northern half of Texas in the Dallas district. At most of these offices the internal revenue men are out of the office carrying out their regular duties (visiting taxpayers at their places of business or offices) during the remainder of the week.

The revenue folks feel that most taxpayers can solv most of their problems by reading their tax instructions carefully. They are in business, however, every Monday morning for those of us who do not read so good

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FOR SALE—Rat and mouse poison.—Pied Piper Feed Mills, telephone 168, Hamlin, Texas. 5-tfc

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FOR SALE—Glass desk and table tops.—Hamlin Paint & Body, S. E. Avenue A at First Street. 41-tfc

FOR SALE—Boys' 14-inch bicycle; just been repainted and new tires. —Call 662 after 6:00 p. m. 7-2c

FOR SALE—Plenty of minnows. —J. C. Cauble at Hamlin South Lake. 5-4p

FOR SALE—Extra good bundle hegari.—W. C. King, McCaulley, Texas. 8-2p

LINOLEUM by the yard available in six different patterns now at White Auto Store. 47-tfc

REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE—Home; best location; small down payment, balance like rent. — Hamlin Motor Company. 46-tfc

Miscellaneous

SORRY SAL is now a merry gal. She used Blue Lustre rug and upholstery cleaner.—R. Y. Barrow Furniture Company. 1c

WILL NOT be responsible for any debts or checks drawn on my account other than those of my own —Marvin Sidney Johnson. 7-2p

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to extend my deep appreciation to all my friends who did so much for me during my recent beravement in the loss of my wife. The many beautiful expressions of sympathy were most comfortng.—W. J. Clawson. 1p

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RETIRED MEN, shift workers, etc.—If you have 12 to 15 hours per week we can offer you an opportunity to earn $100 per month.—Watkins Products, 2418 North Treadaway Blvd., Abilene, Texas. 5-4c

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT — Three-room and bath furnished apartment.—Victoria Courts. 52-tfc

FOR RENT — Four rooms with bath upstairs apartment. — Victoria Courts. 4-tfc

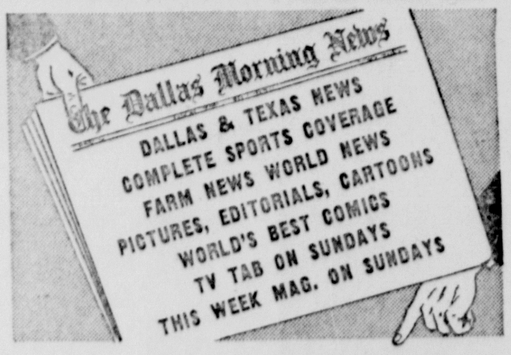
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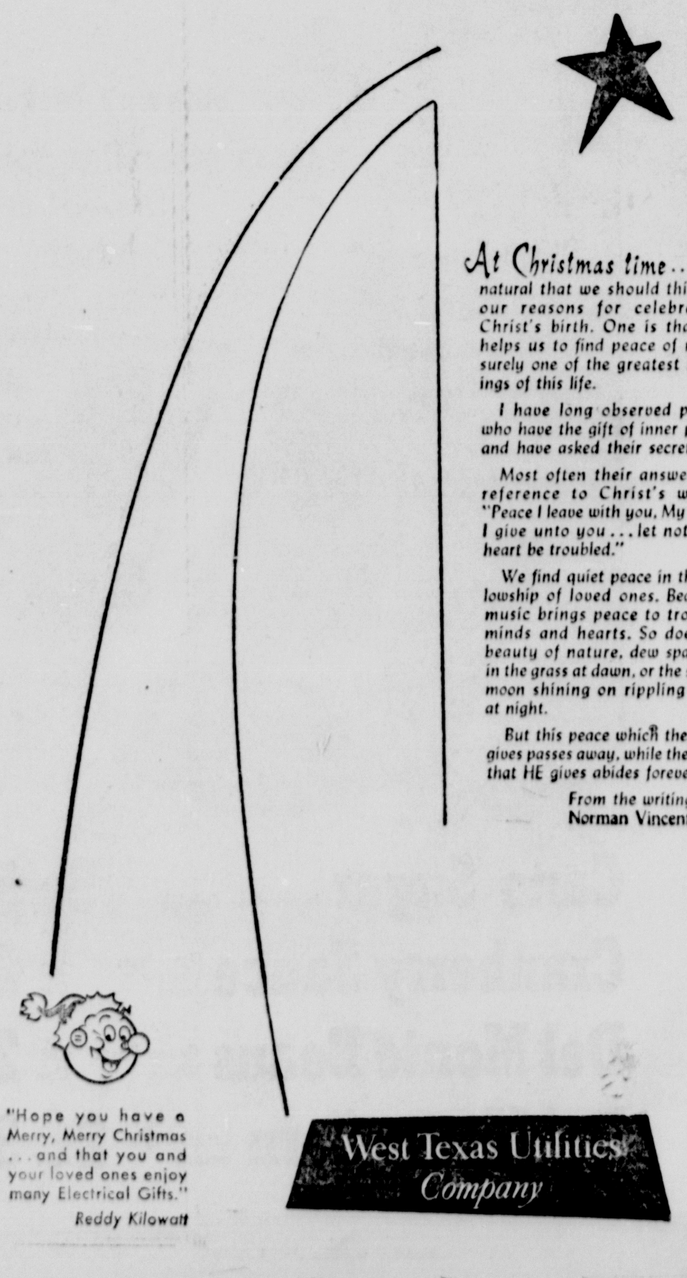
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At Christmas time ... it is natural that we should think of our reasons for celebrating Christ's birth. One is that HE helps us to find peace of mind, surely one of the greatest blessings of this life.

I have long observed people who have the gift of inner peace, and have asked their secret.

Most often their answer is a reference to Christ's words, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you ... let not your heart be troubled."

We find quiet peace in the fellowship of loved ones. Beautiful music brings peace to troubled minds and hearts. So does the beauty of nature, dew sparkling in the grass at dawn, or the silvery moon shining on rippling water at night.

But this peace which the world gives passes away, while the peace that HE gives abides forever.

From the writings of Norman Vincent Peale

"Hope you have a Merry, Merry Christmas ... and that you and your loved ones enjoy many Electrical Gifts."
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The same applies ... illnesses, with the differ... ing the inability of the untra... person to recognize the signs o... an approaching mental disorder.

We are a blessed with varying amounts of wisdom of hindsight, but a recently published research project of the division of mental health of the Texas Department of Health suggests ways to put this hindsight to work.

How many mental patients were previously known to local community health and welfare agencies? Have certain types of agencies be in touch with certain kinds of patients before they are admitted to the state hospi... had ... direct contact (through their families) with one or more of the agencies.

In addition several other facts were discovered opening new vistas of study in mental illness prevention. For instance, it was found that half of the 148 first admissions to the state hospital had eight years of schooling or less. However, only one-fifth of all Travis County residents had eight years or less of formal schooling.

What does all this and other new-found facts mean?

According to Charles Mitchell, director of the division of mental health, "It points out a need for available trained personnel in key points where they can help health and welfare workers recognize persons with borderline nervous disorders in time to keep them out of hospitals."

Farm Prices Decline During November From Harvest Impact

Farm prices fell slightly more than two per cent in the month ending November 15. The drop largely reflected the seasonal impact of heavy fall harvests on market prices.

Farm prices as a whole were at 82 per cent of parity in mid-November by comparison with 85 per cent in mid-October, the Department of Agriculture reported from Washington.

The parity ratio was the lowest since January of this year, but one per cent above November, 1957.

Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices in relation to the cost of things farmers must buy.

Prices paid by farmers for goods and services rose to a new high of 307 in the index.

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Winners Announced In Business Section Christmas Decoration

Winners in the Christmas window decorations contest for downtown business houses, sponsored by the Hamlin Board of Community Development, were announced by the BCD.

Hamlin Flower Shop was named winner of first prize of $25 in cash. Second was Tommy's Flowers, the prize being $15; and third prize of $10 went to the decoration at the city hall.

Out-of-town judges were used in evaluating the windows, which were most attractive, declared the appraisers.

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HAMLIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last week's report in The Herald have cal, December 14; Deana Hargrove, medical, December 15; Mrs. John G. Turner, medical, December 15; Walter Meeks, surgical, December 15; Debra Swinson of Anson, medical, December 15; Mrs. Hill Smith, medical, December 15; Mrs. Pearl Fannin, medical, December 15; Carl Green, medical, December 15; Bobby Spalding, medical, December 15; I. D. Miller, medical, December 16; J. C. Burton, medical, December 16; Clinton Barrow, medical, December 16; J. P. Cornelius, medica, December 16; Alfred Griffin, medical, December 16; Mrs. A. L. Josey of Sylvester, medical, December 16; C. P. Gonzales of Robstown, December 17; R. H. McCurdy, medical, December 17; Charlotte Burleson, medical, December 17; Mrs. Edgar Smith, medical, December 17; Mrs. Marvin Carlton, medical, December 17; J. A. Rose, medical, December 17; Art Newcomb, medical, December 18; Jo Ella Washington, ob., December 19; Mrs. John Baker, ob., December 19; Tony Morales, medical, December 19; S. D. Redus, medical, December 19; Mrs. B. J. Hawkins of Aspermont, ob., December 19; Mrs. Doyle Roseberry of Anson, ob., December 20; Benny Craft, medical, December 20; Mrs. Buck Scott, medical, December 20; M. W. Robertson, medical, December 20; Sharon Wyatt, medical, December 20; Mrs. L. L. Hill of Aspermont, medical, December 21; Neal Leach of Roby, medical, December 21.

Patients Dismissed—Pat Windsor, December 15; Emil Stremmel, December 18; Tom Campbell, December 21; Alice Mae Cooper, December 15; Charles Scott, December 16; Rickey Bond, December 16; O. R. Burnham, December 15; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, December 16; Kathy Rutherford, December 16; Mrs. C. K. Harper, December 15; Mrs. R. T. Bogle Jr., December 18; H. B. Carter, December 15; Mrs. W. A. Hawkins, December 15; Mrs. J. R. Feagan, December 18; Wilburn Ash, December 19; C. M. McCain, Deeembecr 20; Mrs. C. M. McCain, December 19; Roy Lee McCain, December 20; Deana Hargrove, December 18; Debra Swinson of Anson, December 18; Mrs. Hill Smith, December 18; Mrs. Pearl Fannin, December 17; Carl Green December 17; Bobby Spaldnig, December 20; I. D. Miller, December 20; J. C. Burton, December 19; Clinton Barrow, December 20; Alfred Griffin, December 20; Mrs. A. L. Josey of Sylvester, December 21; C. P. Gonzales of Robatown, December 20; Mrs. Edgar Smith, December 19.

... of six foreign powers have flown over the state of Texas. They are the flags of Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, Southern Confederacy and the United States.

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Free Show for Kids of Area Set Wednesday

Kids of the Hamlin community will have opportunity to see the free cartoon show presented each year by the Hamlin Volunteer Fire Department, in cooperation with the owners and management of the Ferguson Theater, Wednesday mornnig—Christmas Eve—beginning at 10:00 o'clock.

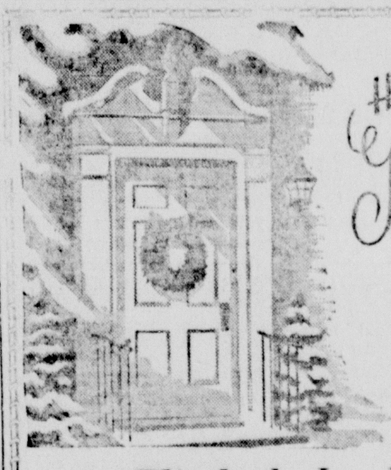
Following the show, bags of goodies will be presented to all kids attending the show. Special prizes will be given at a drawing, official of the fire department explain, including a boys' or girls' bicycle.

Medicine Mound, Texas, takes its name from four elevations in the vicinity. These were called medicine mounds and were camp and ceremonial sites of the Comanche Indians. Medicinal herbs not available anywhere else were found there.

See The Herald for paper clips.

Alonzo Alvarez de Pineda, a Spanish explorer, and his followers are believed to have been the first white men to set foot on what ids now Texas soil. Pineda and his group explored the area in 1519.

Life's but a brief lesson—and school's out before we know it.



HOLIDAY Greetings

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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Vern Sanford

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Austin.—Attorney General Will Wilson's drive against overcharging of small borrowers is reaching the "massive resistance" level.

Goal is to eliminate from Texas a sort of modern day "debtors' prison." Wilson described the "treadmill" in which low income people borrow a little, then pay back, pay back and pay back, often several times what they borrowed. Yet they remain in debt, unable to get ahead of the mounting charges.

In one day Wilson's office filed 217 injunction suits against small loan companies over the state. This is in addition to 46 other suits filed in recent months.

Involved in the 217 suits, said Wilson are some $10,000,000 in loans to about 200,000 borrowers. Interest charges range from 100 to 300 per cent annually. (State constitutional maximum is 10 per cent).

It's the largest drive of this sort ever conducted in Texas, says Wilson, and the only one in recent history of the nation.

But apparently there's room for it to get even bigger. "We suspect 1,000 companies," said the attorney general.

Texas' anti-Shylock operation got underway when the Board of Insurance slashed credit insurance rates in half. Before that, said Wilson, the loan companies could make extra profits legally by requiring borrowers to buy high cost credit insurance.

After this, said Wilson, the loan companies switched to "brokerage plans" which reportedly result in the 100 to 300 per cent annual interest. Wilson and his assistants will try to prove in court that these operations are illegal.

If the overall campaign is successful, said Wilson, by the end of 1959 the only loan companies operating will be using the "certificate plan," which results in interest of about 20 per cent. Wilson regards the "certificate plan" as unconstitutional but says it might be an acceptable interim arrangement until the Legislature overhauls the small loan laws.

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Insurance Proposals.—The State Board of Insurance and Texas Research League have proposed several dozen changes in the insurance laws for the next Legislature.

More recommendations are due in a few weeks when the Senate General investigating committee makes its final report.

In contrast to the drastic "reform" measures that shock past sessions, the insurance legislation seen thus far is more on the order of "housekeeping rules." Most are designed to make possible more efficient administration, do away with unnecessary red tape, overlapping functions and in many cases make the existing laws clearer.

Board will ask the lawmakers to set up an interim committee to study possibility of completely revising the insurance code to eliminate conflicting or confusing parts.

Board the board and the league suggest doing away with annual re-licensing of companies and agents. Board says it has a "mad scramble" every year trying to check all statements before the licensing deadline. Employees work all hours and still haven't time to do the job justice. Under the proposed arrangement, the checking would go on all the time and licenses would be continuous until and unless cause was found for revoking them.

Research league also proposed some changes in the laws to clear up the tangle of authority over the liquidation of bankrupt insurance companies. One is to make the liquidation office an integral part of the Texas Insurance Department and give the commissioner responsibility. At present liquidation is rather loosely attached to the department.

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Medical Care Urged.—State committee on aging recommends a law that would allow people on the state welfare rolls to receive up to $6 a month medical aid.

Passage of the constitutional amendment No. 8 last month authorized making such payments for the aged blind, dependent children and totally and permanently disabled.

Committee on aging estimates this minimum $ -a-month program would cost up to $9,000,000 a year. It labeled "prohibitive" the probable cost of paying all medical costs for all persons on welfare.

Senator Crawford Martin of Hillsboro is chairman of the committee.

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Cities, Employees Square Off.—Renamed and reorganized, the Texas Municipal League is mounting a campaign for laws to ease the cities' growing pains.

Chiefly, say the cities, they need more money to finance the spiraling cost of city services. League proposed laws would close the loopholes by which many escape the loca lproperty tax on autos, and gives cities permission to levy other broad based taxes, such as sales or income.

Another league hope: To return control of wages and hours of city employees to the cities. This is one that is already stirring up some sand. State firemen's and policeman's associations, traditionally more potent forces in the Legislature than city officials, have been successful in getting wage and hour laws for city employees set by state laws. 1

Firemen have been busy circulating petitions declaring the league plan "would set police and fire departments back 50 years."

League has been busy, too. It held 16 regional meetings in December, electing officers and discussing aims.

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Safety Sunday.—Governor Price Daniel has proclaimed December 21 as Safety Sunday.

It would not be inappropriate, said the governor, to remind the people from the pulpit that the sixth amendment can be violated with the steering wheel of an automobile.

This year's all-out traffic safety campaign has already saved 238 lives, said the governor. Last—and probably hardest objective—will be to push this year's holiday fatalities below the 1957 toll of 103.

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John Barleycorn's Earnings.—A quarter of a century of legalized liquor has brought in more than a third of a billion dollars in state tax revenue.

Coke Stevenson Jr. of the Liquor Control Board said that since the repeal of national prohibition in 1933 Texas has collected some $360,189.896 in alcoholic taxes and license fees. This, despite the fact that, areawise, the vast majority of Texas is dry. But population is concentrated in the wet areas.

Get rubber stamps at Herald.

Jack Downey Takes Special Radio Course As Navy Technician

Jack H. Downey, air technician second class, son of Mr. and Mrs Henry Downey of Route 3, Hamlin, who is serving with the U. S. Navy, was one of four men stationed in Hawaii to be sent recently to Dallas for a three-week course at Collins Radio Corporation

Young Downey completed the course last week and returned to Hawaii. He had spent the past two week-ends with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Downey had an early Christmas dinner last Sunday in their home honoring their son. Relatives from Haskell, Rule, Rotan, Lubbock, Abilene, Sweetwater and Jal, New Mexico, gathered for the gala affair. The Downeys' daughter, Fayma, a student at North Texas State College at Denton, was unable to be at the dinner but she was home along with her brother the weekend before.

OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD

A doctor had a seven-year-old boy in his office and had to insert a needle in the lad's knee to draw off a little fluid.

The boy's mother and the doctor's nurse held the youngster while the doctor performed his painful task. The boy let out a yell, of course, even though he was more offended than hurt.

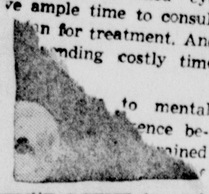
His task completed, the doctor sought to take the boy's mind off his troubles. "You're a nice looking chap," he told the youngster. "What do you expect to do when you grow up?"

His eyes wet with tears, the boy looked at the doctor with grim determination and muttered, "I'm going to kill you."

Habitual worry simply puts the headlight on the tail-end.

Periodic Health Checks May Help to Avoid Costly Time in Hospital Later

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," goes an old trudism. This is especially true in health matters, points out Dr. Henry A. Holle, commissioner of the Texas State Department of Health, in a release to The Herald. In most medical diseases there are warning signals, often recognizable by the untrained eye, to give ample time to consult a physician for treatment. And by not heeding costly time



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TENSE SCENE from the technicolor production, "From the Earth to the Moon," now showing at the ... Theater shows George Sanders, Joseph Cotten and Don Dubbins poised for an experiment. The Jules Verne epic will be featured Thursday and Friday at the Ferguson Theater.

tal? How many of their families have had these previous contacts?

These and related questions about 148 residents of Travis County admitted to the Austin State Hospital during a single year, were answered by the study.

The study concerned patients who were admitted for care for the first time.

Dr. Wallace Mandell, research consultant, directed the study, assisted by Isabel Cromack.

By checking the records of 11 agencies ranging from the City-County Hospital to the Salvation Army, they found that 46 per cent of the newly hospitalized psychotic ...

EVERYTHING'S FIXED.

A member of a dramatic troupe was stranded for the night in a somewhat backward town. He checked in at the only hotel in the area and, glancing about with a frown, asked the clerk, "Is there water in my room?"

"There used to be," drawled the clerk, "but we've had the roof fixed recently."

SHOP TALK.

Two foremen were comparing notes.

"Do all the boys in your plant drop their tools the moment the whistle blows?" asked one.

"No, not all," replied the other forlornly. "The more orderly ones have their tools all put away before that time."

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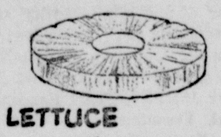
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Taxpayer Assistance Offered by Internal Revenue on Returns

The Internal Revenue Service is holding taxpayer assistance day every Monday morning between January 5 and April 15 again this year, announces Tax Man Sam in a release to The Herald. Taxpayers who have problems they cannot solve by reading their instructioins that they receive in the mail should plan... ad-telephoning or visiting, viz: ...nal Revenue Service ... Monday morning 25c or ... help. ...sions down ... Service ... time to justify ... we must make ... Barnes.

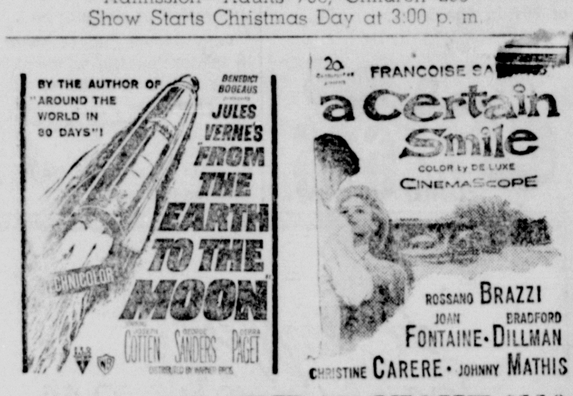
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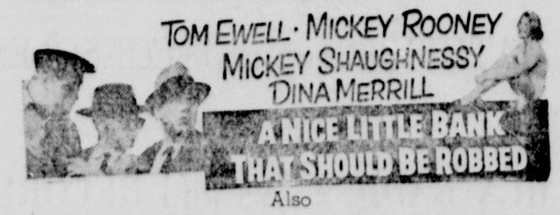
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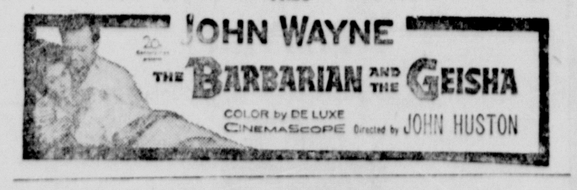
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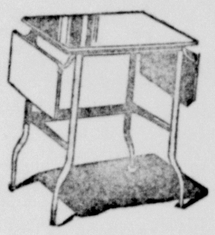
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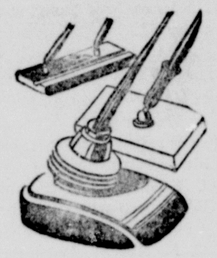
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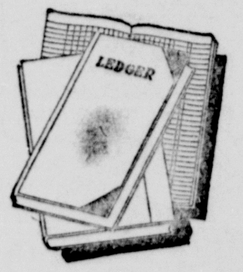
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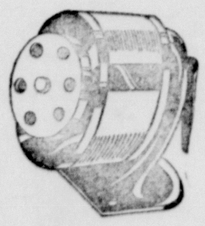
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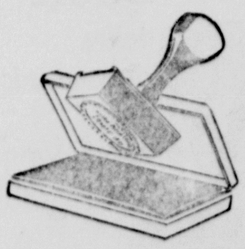
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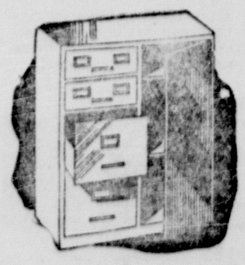


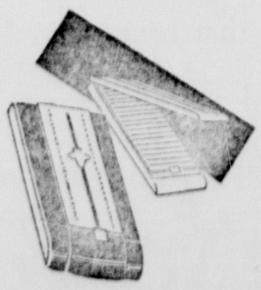












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Christmas Is Not Only Historical Event of Dec. 25

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25 as the date of the birth of the Saior.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely foreshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25 other than the birth of Christ, and the chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Burton and Frances Blake among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas day is all the average American should be expected to remember. But it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1937, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, the Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, the wreck of Santa Maria in Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas Day in 1947 that China's constitution was adopide and went into effect, making the date China's National Rennaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas Day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.



GIFT FOR THE HOME—Gifts for the home can be shared and enjoyed by all members of a family. A family with a den or recreation room, or a young couple living in a small apartment with tile floors, will appreciate an attractive area rug in woven or tufted cotton. The rugs are available in many different shapes, sizes, and colors. Rug, above, by Cabin Crafts.

Christmas Maybe Too Commercial, But Many Helped

Many people, with the total exception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become sense this is true to some extent. too commercial. In a spiritual

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday, each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may be an over-statement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominant theme one of giving rather than of receiving! Christmas, and the spirit of Chritsmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain, the Christmas story.

CAN DO THE CANDOR.

"And now," said the teacher, "will someone please give us a sentence [illegible] 'candor'?"

"Please'm," said the bright little boy in the front seat, "my papa had a pretty stenographer, but after ma saw her he candor."



VERSATILE—All-weather cotton coat, worn by Mary Ann Mobley, Miss America 1959, features wide collar and double pocket detail. Janet Gay styled the coat in an Everglaze cotton by J. W. Valentine.

HEADS T. & P.—J. T. Suggs, vice president and general counsel of the T. & P. Railway, has been named to succeed W. G. Vollmer as new president of the railroad.

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Christmas Carols Started as Songs Around Early Crib

Christmas carols are among the oldest known forms of music. St. Francis of Assisi is generally credited with having started the custom of singing and dancing around a crib. But his exact song seems to have been lost in antiquity.

Historians say that dancing in the churches was outlawed in 589 A. D., and persisted in some places until the Council of Avignon in 1209. But the singing of carols lived on.

Although these songs are called carols in English, they are the same as the "noels" of France and the "Weigenlieder" of Germany. Originally composed for dance tunes to be sung around the crib, as some of the famous Latin Christmas hymns, they have more recently been dedicated to members of the composer's family.

Phillips Brooks wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem" for his three nieces.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was originally "Hark, How All the Welkin Rings," composed by Charles Wesley in the eighteenth century.

No one seems to know who wrote the original words of "Adeste Fidelis," but the English translation, "O, Come All Ye Faithful," was the work of John Reading.



WASH-AND-WEAR—It's a family affair. New labor-saving cotton means less work for mother but the same traditional comfort and neat appearance for herself and her family. Man's shirt and girl's dress were machine washed and tumble dried, with seams and collars lightly touched-up with an iron. Woman's blouse and boy's shirt were machine washed and hung up to drip dry after final rinse.

SAME THING.

The minister's wife was visiting a member of the congregation, and mentioned with pardonable pride that her daughter had won first prize in a music festival.

"I know just how you must feel," said her hostess understandingly, "I remember how pleased we were when our pig got the blue ribbon at the fair."

SOFT SOAP.

It's easy to acquire a reputation for wisdom just by applauding the opinion ofs your friends.

STOP AND THINK.

Tip to motorists: The man who travels at excessive rates sets the pace that exterminates.

New Year Once Was Celebration in Spring In Ancient World

The celebration of the New Year was once a spring affair in Egypt and Rome. Ancient Egypt used the overflowing of the Nile as a calendar and celebrated the New Year accordingly. The Babylonians began their New Year in March, and the early Romans followed the Babylonian pattern.

Bearing this in mind, the custom of invoking the gods of fertility at New Year's time—the origin of which is lost in antiquity—seems logical and appropriate.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Baachus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

In the old days, Roman youths went from house to house singing and wishing everyone a prosperous New Year.

Scottish lads always had a howling good time going about on New Year's Eve switching the trunks of trees and petitioning "a good, howling crop."

Reflecting hte fear of starvation, peasant families in various parts of the world baked a special New Year's cake which they dashed against the door; members of the household hastened to pick up a piece and eat it, prayerful that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the ensuing year.

MAKING IT MODERN.

An eight-year-old lad was asked by his mother what he had learned at Sunday School.

"Well," he said, "our teacher told us about when God sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. When they came to the Red Sea Moses called for the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After they had all crossed, they looked back and saw the Egyptians' tanks coming. Moses radioed headquarters on his walkie-talkie to send bombers to blow up the bridge and saved the Israelites."

"Bobby!" exclaimed his mother. "Is that really the way your teacher told you that story?'

"Not exactly," Bobby admitted. "But if I told it her way, you'd never believe it."

RESOURCEFUL REPLY.

The story goes that when former Prime Minister Menzies of Australia was sworn into office, the various newspaper men were on hand to interview him. The reporter from the paper that had opposed him said, somewhat bluntly, "I suppose, Mr. Menzies, that in choosing your cabinet you will consult the powerful interests that control you."

"Young man, snapped the prime minister, "keep my wife's name out of this."



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Health Officials Urge Watching of Health at Yuletide

Yuletide health hints are appropriate just now say health officials, who make these suggestions:

With the Yuletide season approaching and the prospect of many tasty, delightful dishes in mind, let us not forget the possibility of food poisoning and its rather drastic results. Cleanliness and adequate refrigeration are the keynotes in the prevention of such an unhappy occurrence. Most food poisoning is caused by infectio of certain types of bacteria which grow rapidly under favorable conditions, such as high temperature and high humidity. This infection may come from dirty hands, utensils, flies, rodents, infected food materials or contaminated water.

"Food should be purchased in a fresh state and consumed while still fresh. If food is allowed to stand hours before serving and at high temperatures, good culture media for bacteria results. Therefore, refrigeration is a necessity. If food must be prepared in advance of use, it should be cooked thoroughly and kept refrigerated below 59 degrees until used. In general, milk, ice cream and dairy products should come from approved sources," say the health officials.

READY FOR EMERGENCY.

A teen-aged boy and his girl friend were out driving one fine summer evening. They came to a quiet spot on a lonely country road and the car suddenly stopped.

"Out of gas," said the boy.

The girl nonchalantly opened her purse and pulled out a flask.

"Swell," exclaimed the boy. "Is it scotch or bourbon?"

"Gas," replied the girl.

Courtesy yields large dividends, [illegible] that is too often overlooked.



Keep Christmas safe from fire is sage advice of man's best friend as CBS-TV star Lassie gives sidekick Jon Provost a "Golden Rule for a Happy Yule" tag listing Christmas tree fire dangers. Young Provost, Lassie's TV owner, is one of 4,000,000 Junior Fire Marshals across the country who are attaching fire safety reminder tags to Yule trees on sale in stores, markets and plant nurseries. Tags in the form of golden, six-inch rulers are supplied by the Hartford Fire Insurance Company which sponsors the year-round Junior Fire Marshal program as a national public service.

IMPORTANT QUERY.

The six-year-old had just received a detailed lecture from his father on the facts of life, the birds and bees, and simple biology. Papa leaned back at the end of the recital and said:

"Now, if there is anything else you want to know, don't hesitate to ask me, son."

The boy pondered a minute, then gravely asked his father, "How come they put the Saturday Evening Post on Wednesday?"

GIVE AND TAKE.

Living today is a game of robbing Peter to pay Paul to make it possible to stand Pat.

THE DAILY GRIND.

Necessity may be the mother of invention at times, but it is just the mother of hard work to most of us.

SET ASIDE.

The only buried treasures most people have are the good resolutions they have laid away.



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Good Planning Helps Games for Party Go Off Smoother, Points Out Agent

Good planning is the secret of good recreation, says Mary Y. Newberry, home demonstration agent. For those special holiday parties, plan your recreation well ahead of time.

Variety adds spice to any party. Games should be planned to provide change of pace and activity.

Start with a pre-party game, suggests Mrs. Newberry. This gets people participating, laughing and relaxing. It also fills the awkward period from early arrival until party time. Exhibits, a game or conversation objects may be used for this purpose.

Next plan a circle or get acquainted game, so guests will learn names and start talking with each other. A seated circle is the best type of starting formation because everyone can see the leader, and all guests must join the circle in order to have a place to sit.

Other quiet and active circle games may follow the get acquainted game. Alternate quiet and active games, but avoid constant changing of formation. Active standing games will gave a change of position and pace. Games that require some movement of body, and perhaps some singing, will liven up the activity. Easier games should be played first. Be sure to give clear instructions and have all materials and supplies ready for each game.

Refreshments may be served easily at the close of some active standing game. A hgih point game will climax the party. Choose it carefully, keeping the interests of guests and perhaps the theme of the party in mind.

The ending is important, too, reminds the agent. Plan a definite game or activity that will let the guests know party is over. Leave them wanting more. If you've enjoyed your party, chances are your guests have had a wonderful time.

IN DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

"Do you mean to tell me," demanded the doctor of the patient, "that you were shot through the heart during the war and are still alive?"

'Well, doc," admitted the patient, "what saved my life was that I was so scared that my heart was in my mouth when that bullet

GOOD HABIT.

There are few dark days ahead for the people who have learned to spread sunshine.



MERRY CHRISTMAS—Here's a handsome gift for the man in your life—a washable cotton sport shirt. A small printed pattern is accented with a bold striped pattern in this trimly tailored, long-sleeved shirt by Manhattan.

Safety Conscious Motorists Urged For School Pupils

Speaking from his Austin office, J. O. Musick, general manager of the Texas Safety Association, issued a special plea to Texas motorists this week as he asked them to be exceptionally safety conscious during the first few weeks of the new school year.

"The arrival of September means the driving habits of every Texan will necessarily undergo a radical change,' Musick said. "Because, with the opening of school doors, nearly 2,000,000 pupils, 76,000 teachers and more than 8,000 school buses will be added to the Texas traffic scene."

The safety expert said motorists who have become accustomed to driving through school zones at regular speeds—during summer months—would have to constantly remind themselves that these areas are now filled with children.

"A stopped school bus is another sign for needed extra caution," he said, "and the law is explicit on this point."

When overtaking and passing a school bus, the Texas motor vehicle law states:

"The driver of a vehicle upon a highway outside of the limits of any incorporated city or town upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children shall stop the vehicle immediately before passing the school bus, but may then proceed past such school bus at a speed which is prudent, not exceeding 10 miles per hour, and with due caution for the safety of such children."

JEALOUSY CREEPS IN.

Up in the frozen Yukon two trappers stopped at the last outpost to get their supplies for the long, dark winter. After loading their sleds wih flour, beans, kerosene, ammunition and other necessities for a six-month stay in the wilds, they were ready to leave when the storekeeper called to them, "Wait a minute, boys. How about takin' one of these?" and he held up a large board shaped like an hour glass.

"What is it?" asked one of the trappers.

The storekeeper winked. "It's called a love board. You can hug it when you get lonely."

"We'll take two!" exclaimed the men.

Six months later one bearded, haggard trapper returned

"Where's your buddy?" asked the storekeeper.

"Had to shoot him," muttered the trapper. "Caught him messin' around my love board!"



At this time of the year, it is with deep appreciation that we say — MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR MANY FRIENDS!

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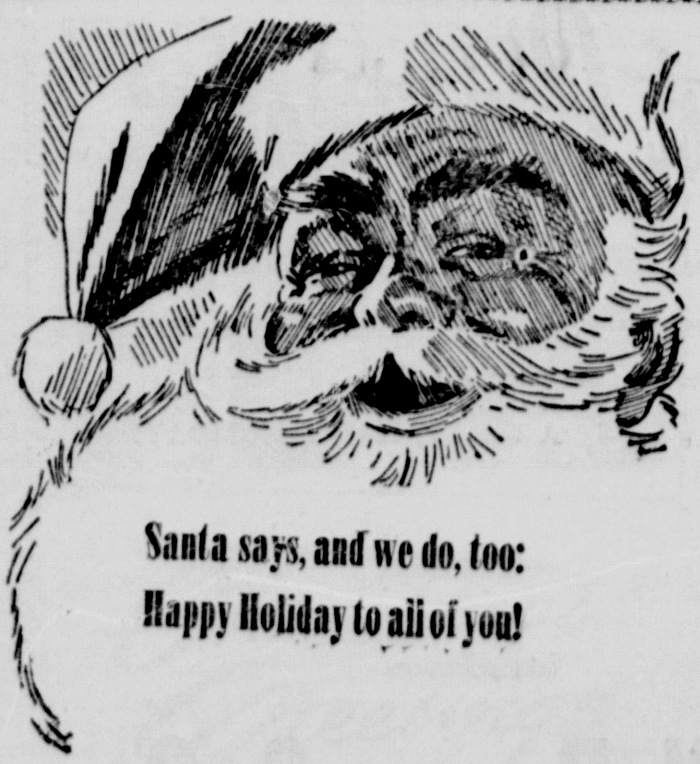
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'Midst all the bustle of this festive season, please, don't overlook all our good wishes . . . we are proud to have served you this past year: Merry Christmas to All!

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Santa says, and we do, too:
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Unpublished Work Of Dickens Brings Fabulous Price

Only a few years ago, a previously unpublished Didkens' manuscript, "The Life of Our Lord," was presented to the world.

This simple moving narrative had been written by Dickens 100 years earlier for the exclusive enjoyment of his children and because he felt such deep veneration and reverence for the life and lessons of our Savior, Dickens had left instructions that this particular manuscript never be commercialized. It was never made public [illegible] of Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, the author's youngest child.

Purchased by th London Daily Mail for the staggering amount of $210,000—or, $15 per word—the manuscript became a literary [illegible] of the first magnitude, destined to be read and cherished forever wherever thoughtful parents, like Dickens, want their children to know something about the history of Jesus Christ.

For, according to Dickens:

"Everybody ought to know about Him. No one ever lived who was [illegible] so good, so kind, so gentle and so sorry for people who did wrong or were in any way ill and miserable, as He was.

"And as He is now in heaven, where we all hope to go, and all meet each other after we are dead, and there be happy always together, you can never think what a good place heaven is, without knowing who He was and what He did."

NO HOT NUMBER?

Mother—"Darling, what did you do at the party?"

Little Boy—"Sang the refrigerator song."

Mather—"Tell mama how it goes."

Little Boy—"Sang the refrigera-fella."

Mistletoe Is Major Pest in Forests of Parts of Universe

There's more to mistletoe than the excuse to invite a kiss from a pretty girl.

The white-berried plant actually is a parasite, often killing off trees that play it host. In recent years Australian foresters resorted to flame throwers to kill off the plant in some wooded areas. The popular promoter of Yuletide romance has a bad habit of sapping the water and mineral salts from the trees, starving them to death.

The mistletoe does serve one useful function in the outdoors, however, as it provides a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree damaging parasite. After eating the berries, the birds clean their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree—young branches or buds—and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves of the guest plant.

Thus the mistletoe plays dual characters and at least according to one superstition, can change from one character to another in the twinkling of an eye. For instance, if the Yuletide mistletoe bough isn't removed from a house by Candlemas Eve (February 1), each leaf will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

IT'S SERIOUS CASE.

"Doctor, you've got to do something," the owner of a Great Dane told the veterinarian. "My dog does nothing but chase 'sports cars.'"

"Well, that's only natural," said the doctor. "Most dogs chase cars."

"Yes," the man agreed, "but mine catches them and buries them in the back yard."



LOLLIPOP SET—She'll love this cotton jumperall and candy cane striped shirt by Wonderalls because of the dainty ruffled trim. The jumperall is lined in cotton flannel for added warmth.

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In the spirit of Christmas that is reflected in gift-happy little children . . . In the spirit of peace and plenty that is the essence of these Holy Days — we say to you: our many friends . . .

A HAPPY, HAPPY HOLIDAY!

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Caution at Christmastime Can Add to Gaiety of Happy Occasion for Family

The gaiety of the Christmas season can be changed to grief and sorrow within seconds. The home during this season is usually loaded with fire hazards and, unless safety precautions are taken, an accident could happen, warns the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council.

The Christmas tree, the center of most home decorations, can be a principal hazard. The council suggests that a freshly cut tree be selected a few days before Christmas. Before it is placed in the house, the base of the tree should be cut diagonally and placed in water or wet sand. This will keep the tree fresh and help in retarding fire. The tree should be placed so that it will not block exits to a room and away from the fireplace, powerful electric lights and other sources of heat.

The council recommends that only Underwriters Laboratories approved lights be used on the tree. Lights which have been used before should be checked for frayed wires or damaged sockets. Electrical circuits should not be overloaded with additional lights, toys and appliances.

Only nonflammable decorations should be used on the tree and tree lights should be turned off when no one is at home or when the family retires. Trees should be discarded when the needles begin to dry and fall.

This is also a time for smokers to be doubly careful, point out the councilmen. Extra care with cigarettes, cigars and pipes is advised especially when smoking around flammable materials. Do not let wrappings from packages clutter up the house for they can become a real fire hazard.

Observance of the basic rules of home safety can make the holiday season happier and life more pleasant for the family and friends concludes the safety group.

WEIGHTY MATTER.

When the chic, doe-eyed beauty asked for a good book to read, the obliging librarian said' "Do you want something light or do you prefer the heavier books?"

"It really doesn't matter," the young woman assured her. "I have my car outside."

LIVE AND LET LIVE.

People who aim to please don't have to take time out for target practice.



CASUAL—Comfort and smart styling are combined in this cotton poplin car coat by White Stag. Corduroy trims collar and cuffs.

Citizens Urged to Cooperate in Plan To Cut Death Toll

A Ross Rommel, president of the Texas Safety Association, called on Texans today to stand firmly behind state and local officials in their efforts to reduce the highway death toll.

"If we are shocked by the slaughter on our streets and highways, we have only ourselves to blame," Rommel said. "For it lies within our power to do something about it."

He stated that highway safety, like every other aspect of government, will be just as effective as the people want it.

"During the past year," Rommel said, "public officials gave strong support to the back-the-attack on traffic accidents program, sponsored by in Texas by TSA, and throughout the nation by the National Safety Council."

Rommel said he believed that when final 1957 figures are in, the record will reveal that the back-the-attack program is having its effect on the overall accident prevention move.

"However," he said, "still more individual help is needed for the coming months as the attack campaign enters its second year."

He listed three of these needed aids as being:

1. Demand stricter enforcement of traffic laws and stand behind the efforts of officials who enforce them.

2. Support your local safety organizations. If there is no local group, help organize one.

3. Check up on your own safety practices—make certain you are a safe person, because you are the first line of defense in the back-the-attack program.



TV STAR—Dale Robertson, who plays Jim Hardie on the TV Western series, "Tales of Wells Fargo," will appear in all rodeo performances at the 1959 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. The stock show and rodeo will run Jan. 30 through Feb. 8 and will feature the nation's top livestock and cowboys.

PUBLIC RELATIONS.

"Miss Henderson," said the boss, "I want you to prepare a statement for the press announcing that, beginning January 1, this company will pay a pension of $300 a month to all employees who have been with us 20 years or longer."

"But, Mr. Allmant, this company has been in business for less than six months."

"I know. But it'll look good in the papers anyhow."

NOAH IN THE ARK.

"And how, my boy, did Noah spend his time in the ark?" the minister asked.

"Fishin', I think," came the reply.

"That sounds reasonable," remarked the minister.

"Yeh," added the youngster, "but I don't think he caught much."

"Why do you say that?" queried the minister.

"Cause," said the boy, "he had only two worms".

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Each of us here send to each of our many loyal customers the warmest wishes of the Yule Season . . . "Serving you has been a real pleasure."

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At this Christmas-spirited time, May all of you be blessed with a bounty of happiness. . . . May peace and plenty be your gifts, always! . . .

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Christmas Greetings

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Ring out, Oh bells
For all our friends to hear,
the joyful song of
the Yuletide cheer —
And, may this Christmas
be the gayest, brightest
of all holidays!



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Santa Illusion Is Wondrous Magic For Our Children

Every December many parents are faced with the problem of what to do or what to say about Santa Claus. Some of our educators have been saying for years that the Santa theory is all wrong and some of today's "modern" parents seem to agree.

But is the Saint Nick idea good or bad for children? We say it is good and that no child, be he average or brilliant, ever suffers from the grand illusion. Children know there is a Santa Claus and they accept the fact that he gradually changes from the Santa fiction to the bill-paying Santa reality.

Santa is good for small children, for children have imaginative minds. The fact they may see a Santa on every corner matters little. In their eyes Santa is a symbol, a mystery, and in his wondrous magic is apt to pop anywhere.

And it is not the end of the world when the time comes that some older child shatters the illusion by telling all. Such is a perfect opportunity for the wise parent to explain that Santa is after all, a spirit of Christmas. He represents the spirit of giving and the reason that we give at Christmas time is because this is the day on which Jesus was born. Jesus taught us love and faith and hope and Santa is a figurative being who helps us understand and use that tendency.

Many Versions Give Origin of Gift Giving

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift giving at Christmas time started.

Some believe that it all came from ancient England, where it was once custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and were the key for a pleasant holiday pastime. It is said that the young knights and ladies would come to the kissing rings with Christmas roses for their secret sweethearts.

Select Turkey That Will Provide Ample Meat for Christmas

Turkey is a favorite holiday treat, so be sure your bird is tailor-made to fit your family's holiday appetites and plans.

Birds are plentiful at this time of year and most stores are stocked with birds ranging from six-pound hens to 27-pound toms. A young turkey weighing between four and six pounds is ideal for a small family. For a slightly larger number, a young hen or tom weighing from 10 to 25 pounds will provide ample servings.

Allow at least one pound of uncooked bird per serving. If you plan two dinner parties, cut it in half and store half in a locker or home freezer.

Select your bird carefully. A tender, juicy bird will have plenty of finish, or fat. This fat is most noticeable in the feather tracts, but should cover the entire bird. The best turkey has moderate depth and a well fleshed breast carrying well back between the legs. A broad back and short drum-sticks also mean more meat per pound.

A well fleshed bird has a broad, flat breast and enough fleshing over the back, legs and thighs to make all parts of the dressed bird blend together, with no prominent bones.

ONE THING SETTLED.

Hubby—"Well, darling, I have just had my life insured for $5,000."

Wife—"That's nice. Now I won't have to keep telling you to be careful every place you go."

MIXED UP KIDS?

Parents spend the first part of a child's life getting him to walk and talk, and the rest of his childhood getting him to sit down and shut up.

ALL THE INGREDIENTS.

To live happily in the country one must have the soul of a poet, the mind of a philosopher, the simple tastes of a hermit—and a good station wagon.

MAYBE WE'RE WRONG.

News Item: "Statisticians find that nine out of 10 women are knock-kneed.

And for years we'd been thinking that statisticians never had any fun.

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It's Christmas! And there's fun all around
we see it in the merry gleam in people's eyes
...in the festive air of mistletoe and holly pinned up about the house.
We see it, too, in the gay gift wrappings strewn 'round
and in the tinsel and shining lights that decorate Yuletide trees.
And we express the fun and good will of this holiday season with our own joy-filled wish for you...
that this be truly the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year of all!

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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa: I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a doll, dishes, buggy and cradle. I love you.—Kathy Criswell.

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Dear Santa: My name is Brad, and I am six yars old. I have a brother Johnny and he is four years old I would like an airplane with a parachute that drops out, and a rifle with a telescope, and a rootball suit with the pads, helmet, pants and shirt. I have been a good boy and I have been sick. Johnny wants a little bicycle, a wrecker truck (and Brad wants one, too), and a rifle. I have been a good boy, too. We hope you have enough toys to go around. Thank you—Brad and Don Stallcup.

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Dear Santa: Will you bring me a BB gun and two guns and scabbord and a parrot gun and trapeze and please send it to me. My daddy hasn't been working very steady. I am seven years old. Please bring it to me please.—David Collins, 1048 Southeast Avenue B, Hamlin.

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Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a red wagon and a train and a football and an electric football game? I am five years old and will go to school next year. Will you please brng them to me? I live at 950 Southeast Avenue B, Hamlin.—Daily Ponder.

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Dear Santa Claus: I am a good litte boy four and one-half years old, and sure want you to come see me Christmas. I also have a little baby brother six months old. Please bring me a bicycle, bowling set, jeep and Army men, and bring something nice for Mark. All my love — Bryce Fowler, Box 305, Hamlin, Texas.

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Dear Santa Claus: I want a dryer and a Tiny Tears doll. I want a Mickey Mouse typewriter, also a cabinet. I have been a good girl, and please remember all the other boys and girls.—Helen Howard.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring em a bowling ball and pens and a dump truck with a shovel, a gun and some bullets. I have been a good boy.—Johnny Howard.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a girl going on 12 years old. I have three brothers. My baby brother would like a road grader and I would like a doll. My daddy doesn't work very much. Would you bring me a pair of six; I wear size 9½. Signed—Nancy De Kirkland.

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Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy five years old. I would like an electric train. I would also like a gun named "Have Gun—Will Travel." My name is David Earl Mullings. I live at 437 North Central Avenue, Hamlin.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I want a dump truck. I want an airplane.—Jesse Lechuga.

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Dear Santa: I am seven years old. I have been a good little boy. Pleose bring me a diesel train. Love—Larry Smart.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a doll. Love—Eufimia Rangel.

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Dear Santa: I am seven years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a bride doll. Love—Dora Rodriguez.

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Dear Santa. I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a ballet doll and a bicycle. Love—Diane Neal.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a bride doll and an ironing board. Love — Deborah K. Hallmark.

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Dear Santa: I am Gary. I am a six-year-old boy. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a BB gun and a bicycle. Love —Gary Owens.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little boy. Will you please bring me a diesel train. Love—Michael Owens.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and some candy. Thank you—Sally Contreras.

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Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a big doll and some dishes.—Maggie Trevino.



AUTUMN LEAVES—This relaxed cotton fashion by Rembrandt is the golden color of autumn leaves. The wide-wale Crompton corduroy also gives texture interest to the straight-lined dress.

Dear Santa: I am a six-year-old boy. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a BB gun and a truck with gas.—Gary Don Maberry.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a BB gun, a football, a camera, an Army set, a bicycle and a basket for Christmas please. Your friend, Joe Poe.



With a song in our heart we extend to our many friends our wishes for a joyous Christmas and a New Year of bountiful success and good health.

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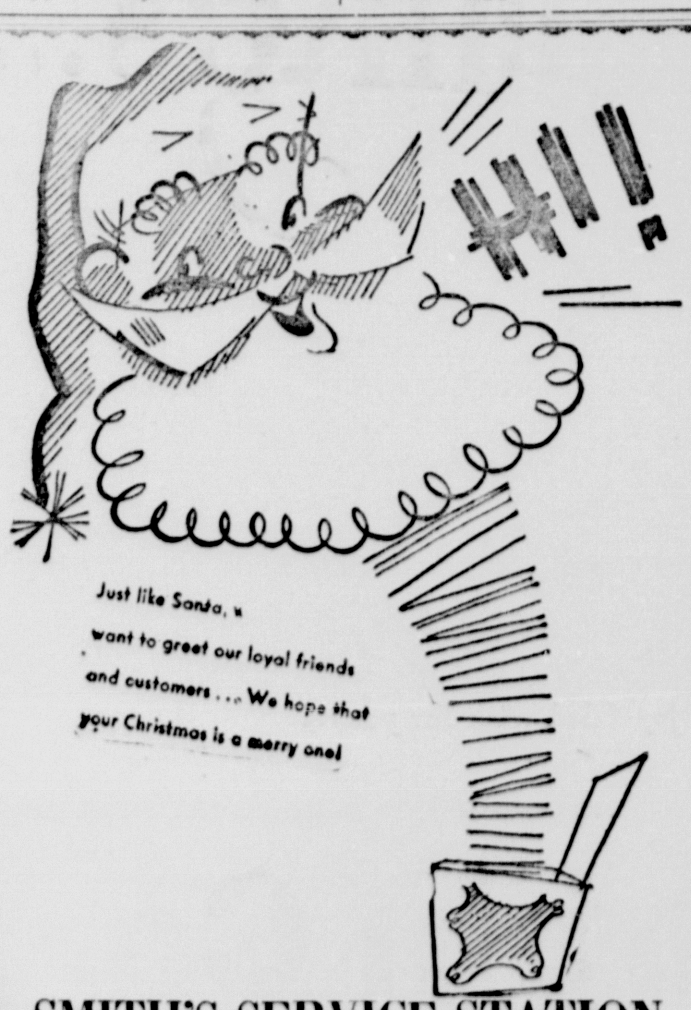


Our Christmas Wish--

That the Spirit of this Holy Day, as conceived by our Lord, live on forever in eternal good will, tolerance and the brotherhood of man . . .

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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and everything else you want to bring me. Please take my brothers, Gene and Bobby, something. They are in the Army in Germany. Please bring mama a new dress and earrings. I am five years old. Love—Jane Hopper, 527 Northwest Avenue B, Hamlin.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a sewing machine and a baby doll and a doll buggy. Thank you—Sandra Stanford.

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Dear Santa: I want a jeep, a hook and ladder fire truck, an Army truck, a radar truck, toy Buick, walkie-talkie, rocket truck, rifle, dump truck, train, shot barrel gun, toy hot rod, jet airpane, telescope, missile launching station, helicopter, machine gun, pocket radio, chewing gum machine, car and boat trailer and a robot man. I love you, Santa, most of all.—Charles Sellers.

P. S.—I have been a good boy. I wanted to come see you but I have been too busy at kindergarten.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Will you please bring me a baby doll and clothes for me.—Reba Pritchard.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a toy clown doll and some little dishes with forks and a little plug-in iron. Love—Cindy Kelley.

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Dear Santa Claus: Janis wants a Tiny Tears doll. She wants some play dishes. She wants a nurse kit. I am buying for my sister. Her name is Nancy. This is what I want for Christmas: I want a baby doll that has clothes. I want a baton. Love—Nancy and Janis.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a tractor, a Casey Jones train and a helicopter. And bring my baby sister, Regena Kay, a baby doll, bracelet and locket. Love—Ricki and Regena Kaye Rollins.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me some pre-historic animals, two fire trucks and a helicopter that is run by batteries. Bring all the other little boys and girls something. Love—John Charles Hix, Route 3, Hamlin.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me an electric train and a BB gun and an electric airplane. I want a round thing that has two holes in it and throw balls out.—Chris Perrin.

I want a wagon. I want a BB gun.—Meridian Dale Pritchard.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a toy pick-up.—Gary Carson.

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Dar Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a bride doll, a bicycle and plastic dishes.—Cathy Gage.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a bride doll. Love.—Grace Carter.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little boy. Please brnig me a toy.—Rudy Lopez.

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Dear Santa: I would like some guns and an electric train. Thank you—Jerry Dockins.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me some guns. I am agood boy and I study hard. I like school.—Brit Thompson.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a two-barrel gun and an electric train. Thank you—Billy Hodnett.

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Dear Santa: Please bering me a baby doll and dishes.—Josie Romero.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me an elcetric train and a pistol. Thank you—Troy Early.

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Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl neartly six years old. I would like for you to bring me a Betsy-wetsy doll. That's all, Santa, but don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Now I must say good-bye. Lots of love.—Patty ann Pattillo.

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Dear Santa Claus: I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a BB gun, a football suit and a truck set for Christmas.—Phil Harrison.

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Dear Santa Claus: I love you. Please bring me a bride doll and a high-heel doll. Your friend—Irene Martinez.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I love you. I want a BB gun, a guitar, and Army set for Christmas, please.—Spencer Ford.



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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Clau: I love you. I have been good. I want a bride doll, a doll house and a play stove for Christmas, please—Thomasa Trevino.

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Dear Santa Claus: I love you. I have been good. I want a bride doll for Christmas, please, and some clothes for her. — Jeannie Joiner.

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Dear Santa Claus: I love you. I have ben good. I want a bride doll, a play stove and some play high-heel shoes, please.—Leslie Jo Harkey.

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Dear Santa Claus: I want a ballet doll, a bicycle and basket, some boots and a play stove for Christmas.—Laquita Griffin.

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Dear Santa Claus: I love you I have been good. Please bring me a bicycle, a basket, a ballet doll and a play stove for Christmas.—Deborah Carlan.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a bicycle, a basket an electric train and Army set for Christmas, please. — Bobby Townley.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a BB gun and a Johnny Robot for Christmas Please. I love you.—Larry Collins.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle and basket, an erector set and a camera. I have been good.—Russell.

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Dearest Santa Claus: I want a milk truck for Christmas. Send me a note if you come or not. My brothers want bicycles. My mother wants some pottery. Dad wants a tie. That's all. Love to you—Richard Mendoza.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a bride doll and a high heel doll and a doll house for Christmas. I love you.—Norma Morales.

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Dear Santa: I am a little girl eight years old. I have been good this year. I want a doll with a blue dress and a blue hat. Love—Feliciana Oranday.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a BB gun, a bicycle, a basket, a football and an electric train for Christmas please. Harvie Neatherlin.

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Dear Santa: I want a bicycle and a high heel doll for Christmas please. I love you.—Jan Young.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a bicycle, a BB gun and cowboy suit for Christmas please.—Rosendo Morales.

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Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy seven years old. I have been good. Please bring me a football helmet.—Chester Jenkins.

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Dear Santa: I am a little girl seven years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me a piano. Love—Carol Tweedle.

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Dear Santa: I am a little boy seven years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me a play typewriter.—Davis Weaver.

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Dear Santa: I am seven years old. I have a sister four. I love you. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Bye—Wendy Russell.

P. S.—Bring me whatever you want to for Christmas.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl seven years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me a dish set. Love—Jana Ferguson.

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Dear Santa Claus: I moved to the farm, and I want a sheep for Christmas. My brother wants a pig. My big brother wants a record player. Love — Joe W. Cooper.

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Dear Santa: I am a little boy seven years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me some guns and a cattle truck and a spinning top. Love — Joe E. Meads.

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Dear Santa: I am a little boy eight years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me a football. Love—Jose Ybarra.

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Dear Santa: I hope you will come to see me. I have tried to be a nice boy. I am seven years old and in the first grade. I want you to bring me some guns. That is all. Love—Mike Acklin.

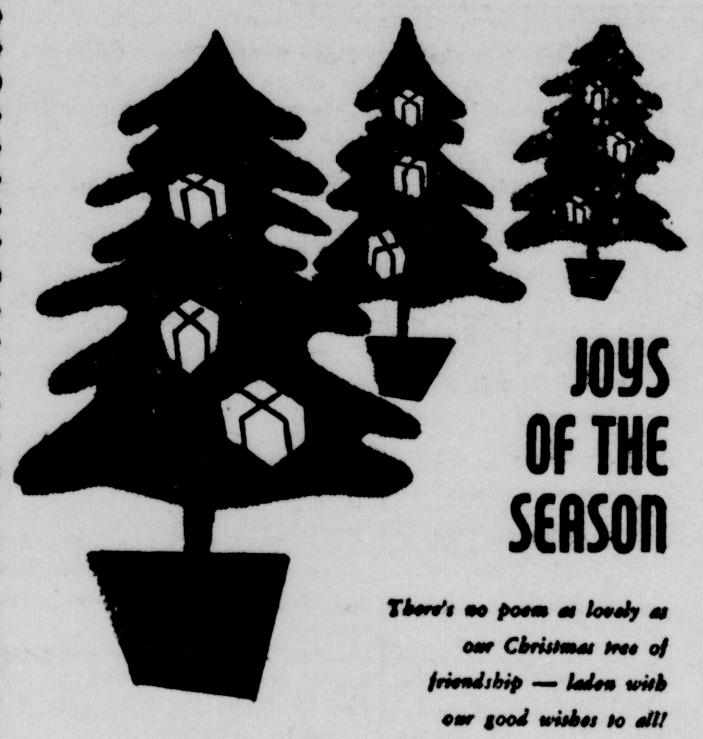


SOPHISTICATED—Cotton velveteen, richly embroidered in a floral pattern, is used in this handsome cocktail coat by Jean Desses of Paris. Coat has a face-framing collar and yoke of solid black velveteen.

Deor Santa Claus: I want a doll house for Christmas please. I love you.—Barbara Price.

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Dear Santa: I want a doll, a teddy bear and a doll suit case. I need some house shoes and a house coat. I have been a good girl at school and at home, so I hope you will visit me. I love you—Sharon Bruner, age six.



JOYS OF THE SEASON

There's no poem as lovely as our Christmas tree of friendship — laden with our good wishes to all!

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Radio and Television Sales and Service

North of Ferguson Theater



Christmas Joy

ALL of us here extend to you, our loyal friends and customers, best wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas.

May the glory of this great day enter into your hearts and uplift your thoughts to Him whose birth we honor.

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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The shining star of Bethlehem is the symbol of the spirit of Christmas we find in our hearts as we wish you, our many friends — ALL THE JOYS AND HAPPINESS OF THIS WONDROUS HOLIDAY SEASON

Frank's Department Store

"BEST FOR LESS"

South Central Avenue Hamlin, Texas

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa: I am seven years old. This is my first year in school. I like to go to school, but most of all I like to play football. I hope to be a good player when I grow up. For Christmas I would like a toy typewriter. Love—Charlie Shira.

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Dear Santa: I want a chemistry set and a rtain, a Santa Claus doll and a play cat. I am seven years old and in the first grade. I am doing good in school. I have already read two books. Be good to all the children. Love—Thomas Goolsby.

—

Dear Santa: I am a little boy sever years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me a big gun. Love—Jessie Ybarra.

—

Dear Santa: Please bring me a BB gun and apaint set. My little sister, Melissa, wants a baby doll. We both love you and wish you a Happy Christmas.—David Mark Marden.

Dear Santa: I a ma little first grader. I am doing good in school, and I am good at home. Please bring me a doll for Christmas. Your friend—Gloria Romero.

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Dear Santa Claus: Christmas will soon be here. I hope you will visit my house. I am trying to be a good neighbor in my school room. Will you please remember me? Love — Sharon Townley.

P. S.—I would like to have o teddy bear and a doll and a picture of you.

—

Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I love you. I want a gun set, a truck set and an Army set please.—Curtis Watkins.

—

Dear Santa Claus: I want some dishes, a cradle, a buggy and a nurse kit. Then I can play with them. I am seven years old, and in the first grade. Love—Kathy Criswell.

HE'S GOT SOMETHING.

Teacher—"What is it that binds us together, sustains us, and makes us even better than nature intended?"

Tommy—"Girdles."



PLAYMATES—A dog can be a boy's best friend, even when appliqued on sturdy bib-top coveralls of washable corduroy. A matching candy-cane striped cotton shirt completes the set by Wonderalls.



Our Greetings to All — at this *Merry Christmas Time!*

West Lake Drive

IDEAL STEAM LAUNDRY

Your Laundry Business Appreciated

Cowboys' Christmas Ball Is Unique Event Held Yearly at Anson

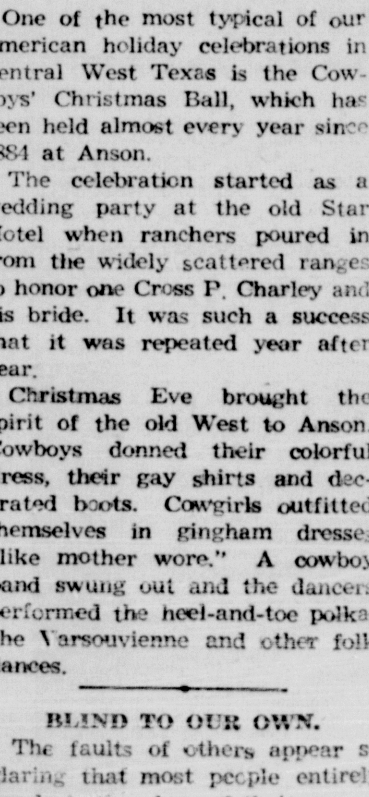
One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations in Central West Texas is the Cowboys' Christmas Ball, which has been held almost every year since 1884 at Anson.

The celebration started as a wedding party at the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after year.

Christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gay shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls outfitted themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore." A cowboy band swung out and the dancers performed the heel-and-toe polka, the Varsouvienne and other folk dances.

BLIND TO OUR OWN.

The faults of others appear so glaring that most people entirely overlook the glare of their own.



May the shining decorations of Christmas adorning your home — reflect all the happiness we wish you at this time!

MARY'S Beauty Shop

238 Northwest Avenue G



Again this Christmas we rejoice as we recall the many grand associations with our many friends; To all of you who have favored us with your patronage, it is our fondest wish that you enjoy every joy, good health and happiness of this cheery season!

B. Y. Barrow Furniture Company

"WHERE HOME BEGISS"

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

good. I want a cowboy suit and hat for Christmas please. I love you—Gary Smith.

—

Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I love you. I want a bi- a bicycle basket, a football and football helmet and suit for Christmas please. I love you —Donnie.

—

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll and a jack-in-the-box for Christmas, please. I love you—Marsha.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a bride doll. I want a doll buggy for Christmas please. I love you—Sarah Martinez.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and some dishes. — Biatris Trevino.

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Dear Santa: I would like a gun and a bicycle.—Joe Lopez.

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Deare Santa: Please bring me a have gun will travel set and a Roy Rogers set and boots and Indian things. That is all—Gene.

—

Dear Santa: Please bring me a suit case and some high-heeled slippers. That is all. Thank you —Sue Kay Flores, 346 Northwest Fifth Street.

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Dear Santa: I would like a bicycle. Thank you—Cruz Orona.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a baby doll.—Ruby Nell.

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Dear Santa: I am eight and one-half years old and I've been good. And I want a baby doll, Bible, sewing leather kit and a viewmaster for Christmas. I love you.—Sharon Sturrock.

Dear Santa: I want a big b cycle. I would take a train, too. Thank you—Kevon Brown.

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Dear Santa: I am in school in the first grade. I like school very much. I would like for you to bring me a doll and a sewing machine. I thank you.—Marc Kay Steele.

—

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll with high heels and a nurse kit. Thank you—Jeannie Trotter.

—

Dear Santa: Please bring me a baby doll and dishes. I have been good. I love you — Mary Jane Wallace.

—

Dear Santa: I would like a doll and a piano. I want some dishes, too.—Jimmie Lue Tweedle.

—

Dear Santa: Please bring me a bride doll and some clothes. I can read and write. I like school. Thank you—Linda Witt.

—

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a work bench and gun rack and three rifles and lots of other good things.—Mike Jones.

P. S.—And a tricycle and ball and baseball and steam shovel.

—

Dear Santa: Please bring me a train, lookout towers and everything that goes with a train, and a bicycle.—W. C. Jones.

—

Dear Santa: My name is Barry Lloyd Sturrock. I am four years old and my brother is writing this for me. And I want a fire truck, bulldozer, musical jack-in-the-box, a truck that carries cars, and maybe a cowboy shirt and some guns. And be sure to leave something for my mother and daddy and brother and sister.



SEPARATES—Mary Ann Mobley, Miss America 1959, wears colorful separates by Joe Davidson. Outline quilting accents floral motif in the skirt. The fabric is Everglaze cotton satin by Everfast.

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been pretty godo girls this year. So my little sister wants a doll buggy, blocks and [illegible] you want to bring her. June, my other sister, wants a doll and a lot of toys. She wants a dew-drop doll. And I want a dress-up doll and some clothes and a camera and overnight case and anything else you want to bring us. Don't forget the other kids. Love —Margie, June and Sue Roddy.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me some toys. Thank you—Crystal Joy Cheshier.

With Christmas Joy



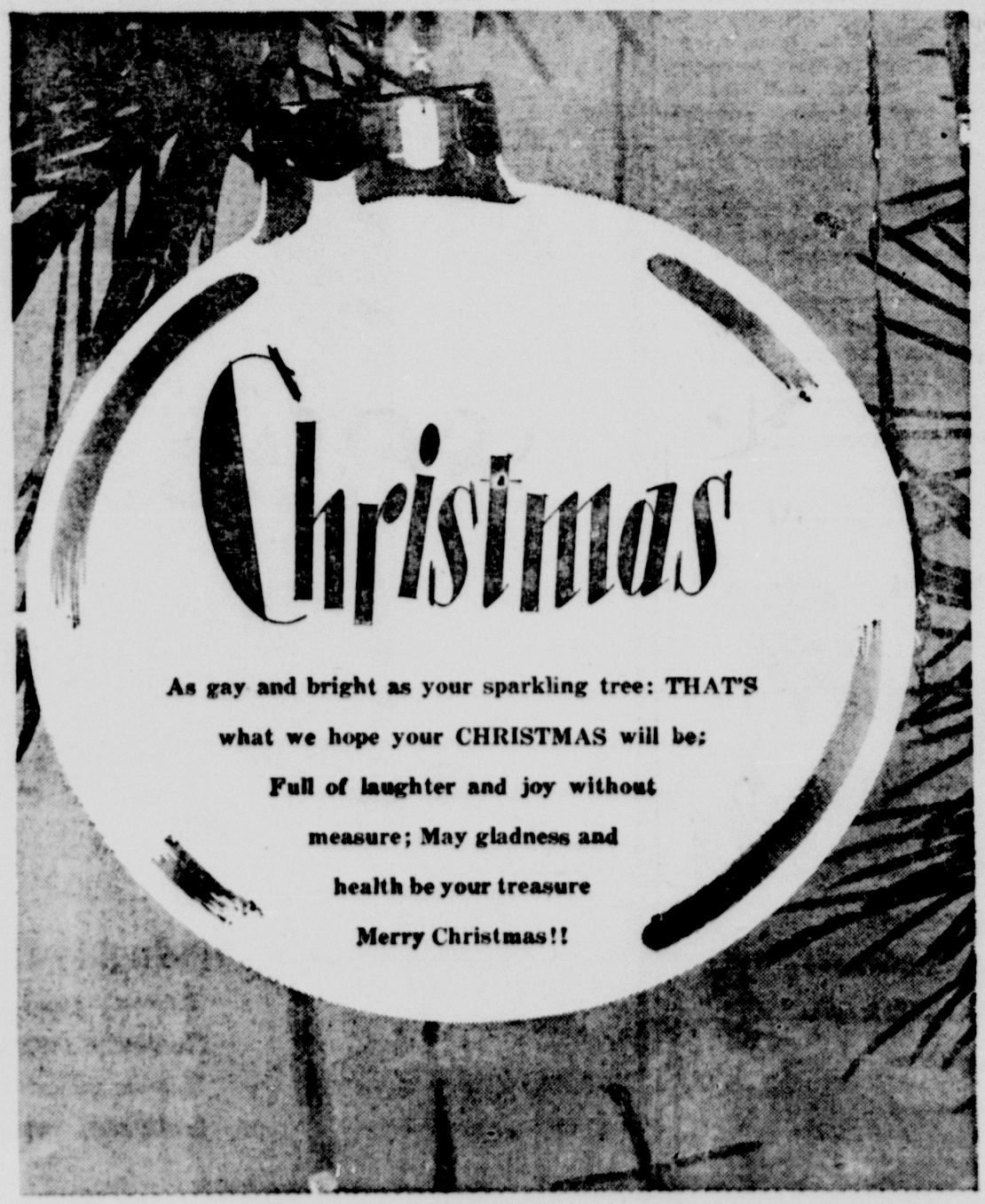
Gay as the flowers of Christmas,
Humble as the spirit of the Day --
Warm as the glowing Yuletide log,
Are the Greetings we send your way!

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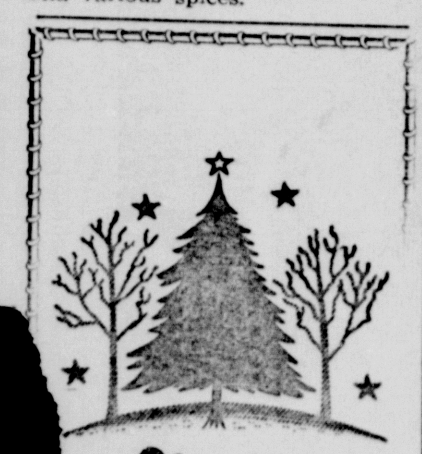
Festive Desserts Play Big Part in Foods for Holiday

Festive desserts play a big part in the celebration of the Christmas holiday and no other treats are more associated with this holiday than plum pudding and mince meat pie.

The origin of the plum pudding is lost in history, but popular legend explains it this way:

Once upon a time, an English king went hunting on Christmas Eve. A sudden blizzard blocked the paths of the forest and the hunters became lost. One member of the party, the cook, was charged with the task of preparing dinner from whatever food he could find. In desperation, he literally threw "verything" into the pot—the remains of a stag chopped into fine bits, flour, birds' eggs, dried plums, ale, brandy, sugar and meat from some wild game. Soon, to his surprise and delight, he had a delicious, hot "pudding" and to this day, true plum puddings have all of these ingredients which our quick-witted hunter put into his cooking pot.

The tasty mince meat pie was originally devised by the Puritans as a religious offering and was served with a tiny figure of the Christ Child in the center. The earliest known recipe dates from the reign of James I in the early seventeenth century. At that time the pie was filled with beef tongue, chopped chciken, eggs, raisins, orange and lemon peelings, sugar and various spices.



Merry Christmas

And greetings of the season! We hope that you and all of our loyal customers enjoy this wonderful Yule to the very utmost!

WALDON'S SHOE SHOP

Next Door to Herald

Origin of Christmas Tree Symbol Is Aged

The origin of the Christmas tree symbol is shrouded in legends that reach back to the period of Druid tree worship long bfore the advent of Christianity. Credit for tree decoration and gift giving, however, is generally given to Germany, where the customs were started in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Over a period of years the practice spread into Northern Europe and from there to America.

Outdoor tree decorating is essentially an American trademark and a special feature of community spirit. The best known are at the White House lawn at Washington, D. C., and at the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.



FOR LOUNGING—Flattering team for lounging is designed in cotton flannel by Miss Elaine, St. Louis. Ski-type pajamas are red flannel, while car coat and hood are red and white striped quilted flannel.

oh boy! it's christmas again!

Yes, it's Christmas! Wondrous time of the year — May it bring, all that's good - in health, and luck, and cheer!



COWAN CLEANERS

35 Southwest Third Street

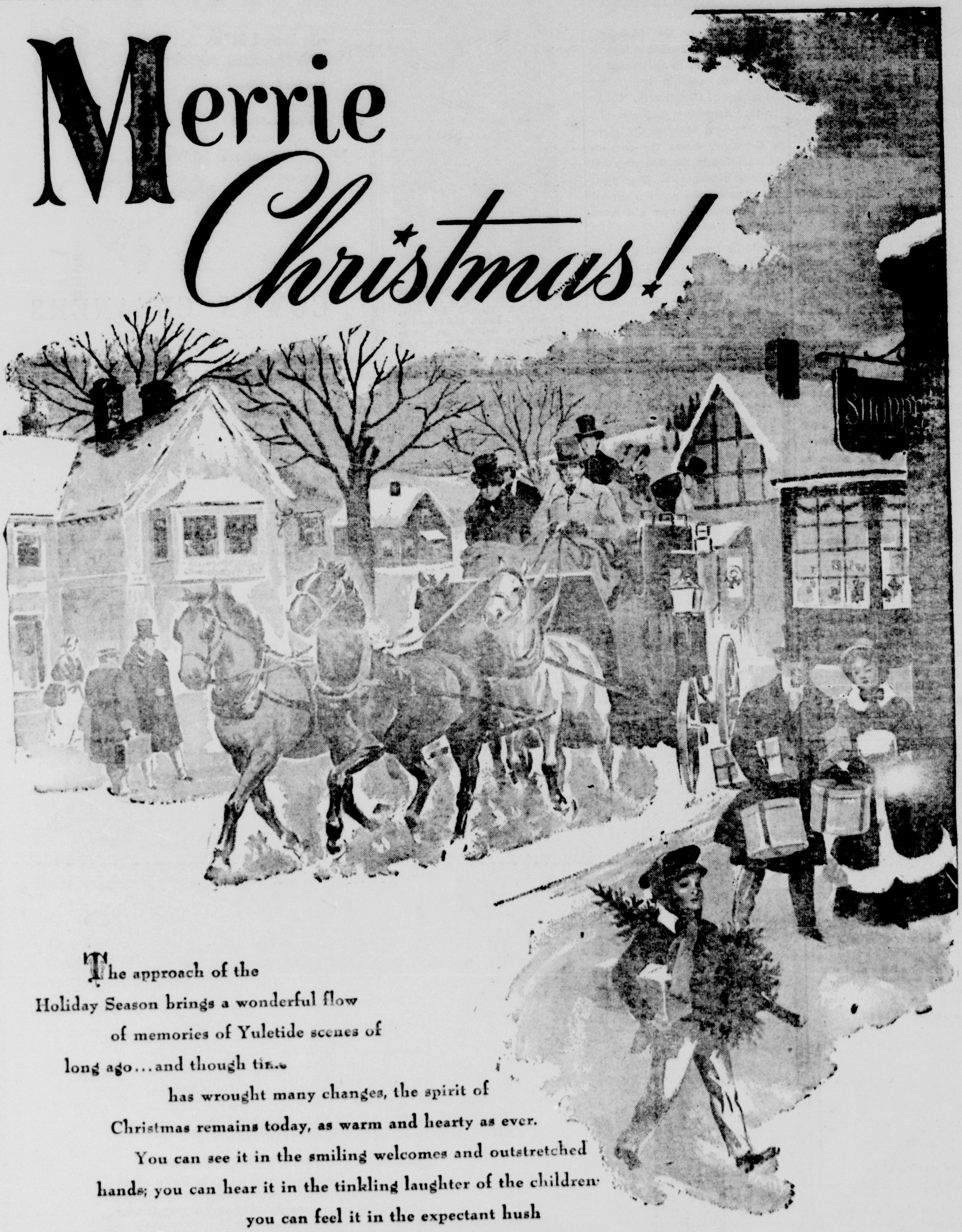


IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

. . . we take pleasure at this holy time in putting aside business to send our many friends the heartiest and most sincere wishes for the rich joys of the CHRISTMAS SEASON . . .

DR. AND MRS. MARSHALL L. SMITH, MARK, MIKE AND GARY

Merrie Christmas!



The approach of the
Holiday Season brings a wonderful flow
of memories of Yuletide scenes of
long ago... and though time
has wrought many changes, the spirit of
Christmas remains today, as warm and hearty as ever.
You can see it in the smiling welcomes and outstretched
hands; you can hear it in the tinkling laughter of the children;
you can feel it in the expectant hush
that fills the home as Christmas Day approaches.
Midst all this good cheer, hospitality and good fellowship, we wish
to extend to our friends and neighbors our heartfelt good wishes.
May you enjoy a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carl Murrell Chevrolet Company

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Greetings

At this gay, holiday time let us offer you all the best wishes from our staff! May your Christmas be bright with the many blessings of the season . . . Rich in friendship, bright with gifts of happiness and lasting pleasure. And our wish is not just for Christmas, but for every day of the year 'til the next Yuletide!

Midwest Cooperative Oil Mill

PROCESSORS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS

Telephone 174

R. L. McClung, Manager

Custom of Sending Christmas Cards Only Little Over Hundred Years Old

The thoughtful custom of sending cards to friends and relatives at Christmas comes down to us from England.

It is generally suggested by historians that the idea began with school boys away from home who wrote their Christmas letters on fancy paper and in fancy writing.

There has been controversy through the years as to who sent the first lithographed cards. In 1941 a copy of an old Christmas card was found in the British museum and credit for the card was given to William Maw Egley, a 16-year-old apprentice, in the year 1842.

Later evidence, however, gave credit for the first card to Sir Henry Cole and lithographer John C. Horsley, in the year 1843.

Cards credited to Egley and Cole are quite similar. Each was etched in black and white and each shows drinking, dancing and holiday merriment scenes, and both carry holiday greetings.

Evidence that Egley was not the originator comes from a framed copy of the Egley card which reportedly carries a note on the back in the apprentice's handwriting.

The norte says the card was finished December 3, 1848, and is the "second ever published."

Cole began sending out cards to all his friends in 1846, each card bearing the message, "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Although the cards brought fame and popularity to Cole, it was some 20 years before Christmas cards became very popular in England.

Lucia Day in Sweden Begins Christmastime

Celebration of Lucia Day on December 13 inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden. It takes its name from St. Lucia, or Lucy, martyred for her faith and virginity in Syracuse in 304 A. D. and venerated by the church each December 13.

The prettiest blonde in every home, office, factory, village and town is elected a "Lucia" and visits the sick, leads carnivals and processions and attends banquets and balls accompanied by her "hand-maidens."

The ancient custom coincides with the winter solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more and the days begin to lengthen.

MAKING SNOW.

Grandmother's way of making snow for evergreen branches is still a good and economical way to dress up holiday decorations. Use plenty of soap chips or flakes in a little water. Beat lightly with a wire mesh spoon just long enough to get a nice, thick foam and smear on the needles and stems. Allow to dry and you have a beautiful winter woodland scene.

Extra Caution Should Go With Gift of Gun To Boy at Christmas

If you are giving your son a gun for Christmas, don't just hand it to him with the simple admonition "Be careful," warn the editors of Changing Times, the Kiplinger magazine. You should see that he gets adequate instruction and that he uses the gun only under the supervision of an experienced adult.

Competent instruction is widely available today through rifle clubs, many of which are in high schools and junior highs. Membership in such a club solves the problem of where a boy may do his shooting after he has learned how.

In addition to this basic instruction there are five safety rules which your son should learn by heart for his future well-being:

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.

2. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction—away from everyone, including yourself.

3. Be sure of your target.

4. Be sure of your backstop. Backstops have one purpose—to stop the bullet. Continued firing may wear some away.

5. Know your gun and ammunition is the right kind for the gun you are uinsg.



PARIS COTTON—Classic sports dress is smartly styled in wide-wale corduroy for the winter wardrobe by Pierre Billet. The perfectly tailored shirtmaker buttons in the back.

THE WASSAIL BOWL.

The Wassail Bowl is the center of adult festivities in Scotland. Its origin is lost in antiquity, but tradition has endowed the wassail bowl with legendary romance. It is ornamental in design and decorated with branches of greenery. The mixture within is warm and sweet, and wine is sometimes added to the ale and sugar and spices.

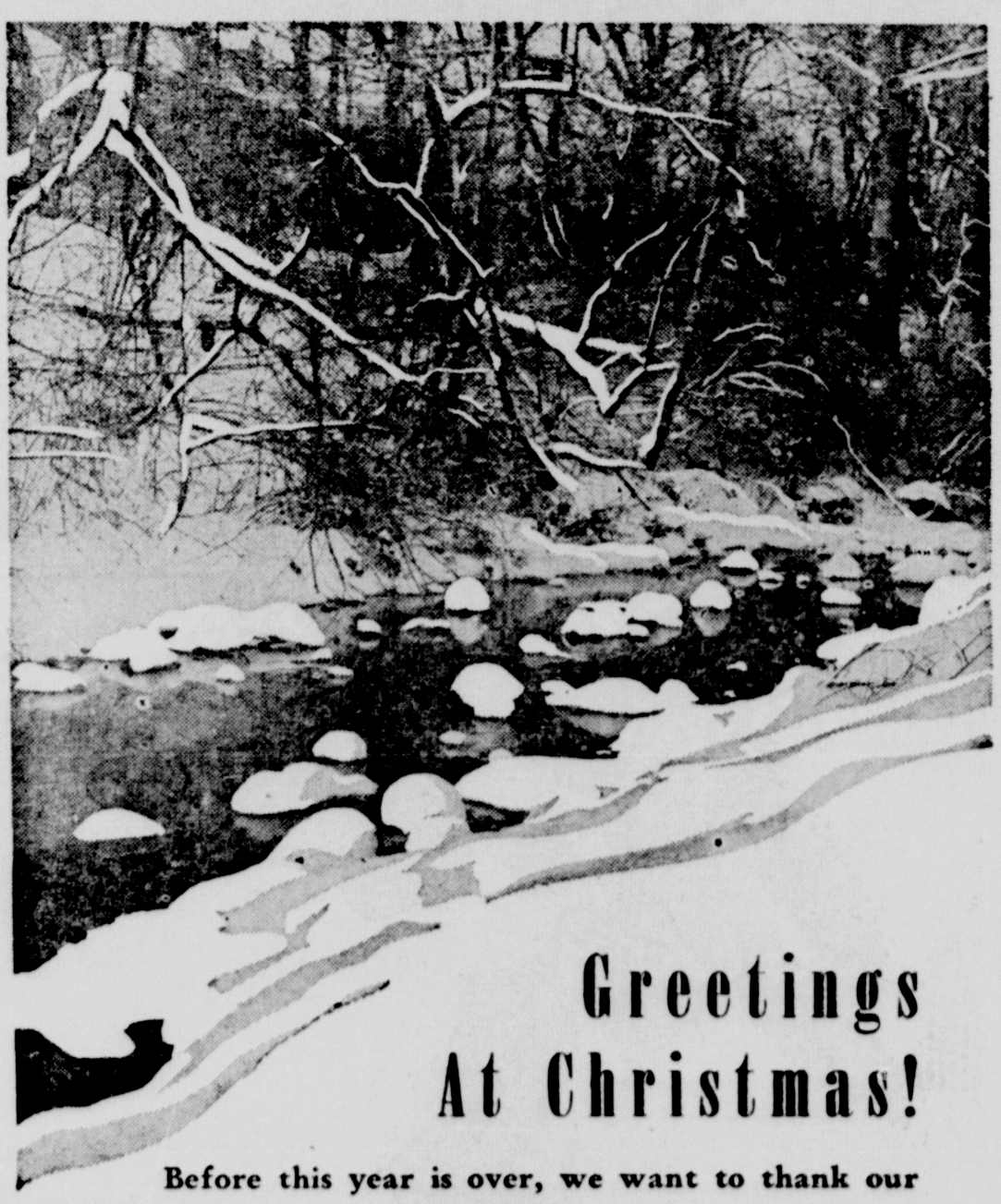


We're sending you our very best wishes, gift-wrapped in a beautiful Christmas package, and tied firmly with a generous bow of enduring friendship.

Owners and Employees of

Hamlin Theaters

TELEPHONE 94



Greetings At Christmas!

Before this year is over, we want to thank our many customers for their continuing faith in us, and wish you all a very Joyous Holiday! . . .

Crow Bros. Gro. & Mkt.

31 South Central Ave. Telpehone 123

Everett Crow, Delmer Crow
Melvin Crow
Jack McCurdy, Willie Alls

Bright as glistening snowflakes are our wishes for a wonderful holiday, to you — our many customers!



Huling Service Station

Conoco Gasoline and Motor Oils
13 South Central Avenue Telephone 220

Personifications of Father Time and New Year Babe Have Unique History

The personifications of Father Time and the New Year Babe are as familiar as those o Santa Claus or Uncle Sam. Yet these fitting symbols for the end of one cycle of living and the birth of another have their roots in Greek mythology.

Father Times comes down to us as a descendant of the Greek gdo Cronus, lord of the universe. Cronus bore the lines of inestimable years on his face and he carried a scythe, but like many of mythology's earthly gods, he was not altogether admirable. Having been warned that one of his children would dispose of him, Cronus decided to give none a chance and got into the habit of swallowing them at birth. His wife, Rhea, in an attempt to discourage the practice, hid their son Zeus after his birth and presented Cronus with a stone wrapped in swaddling clothes.

The ruse worked. Cronus disgorged not only the stone, but the prveious children he had swallowed. Zeus later dethroned his father, settled on Mount Olympus and ruled as chief god of the Greek pantheon.

Later Cronus' name was confused with the word "cronos," meaning "time." But the hourglass has found a permanent place in the hand of the white-haired gentleman with the scythe.

The New Year Babe may be as old as Father Time. During ancient Greece's festival of Dionysus, a baby was paraded as a symbol of rebirth. A chief ceremonial in the Elusinian Mysteries featured the image of a child.

In more recent times, farmers of Western Prussia staged the symbolic birth of a child on harvest fields. A German folk song of the fourteenth century depicts the New Year Babe in its present form.

HOLIDAY TREATS.

Pies for the holiday party can be "trimmed" to add to the festivity of the occasion. With a mince pie, cut a star opening in the center and place small red candles in the pie so each wedge will have one. Form a circle of whipped cream around a chocolate pie then place a small candy cane where each wedge will be. It will make a big hit at a children's Yuletide party.

Origin of Christmas Tree Was Germany's

The Germans claim they originated the idea of a Christmas tree. And it was a German, according to old newspaper files, who introduced the Christmas tree into America.

The story is that a German priest who emigrated to Cleveland, Ohio, set up a Christmas tree in his church in the 1840s. He was almost chased out of the church. The congregation didn't like the idea.

But a few years later, a German tailor who settled in Wooster, Ohio, started using Christmas trees, and somehow the idea caught on this time.

FAMOUS SITES.

In the heights above Nazareth which lies in a cup of the Galilee hills may be seen the sites of many of the famous place names of biblical history. To the east lie Gilboa, where Saul died, and Tabor, where Deborah's men gathered to meet the Canaanites. Westward is ancient Megiddo, where the Egyptians defeated Josiah of Judah, and Carmel where Elijah bested the prophets of Baal.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The date of December 25, as the birthday of Jesus, and hence, Christmas, has been generally observed in most Christian nations since the fourth and fifth centuries. Prior to the fourth century Christians observed only Epiphany (the commemoration of the baptism) and Easter with festivals and religious rites.

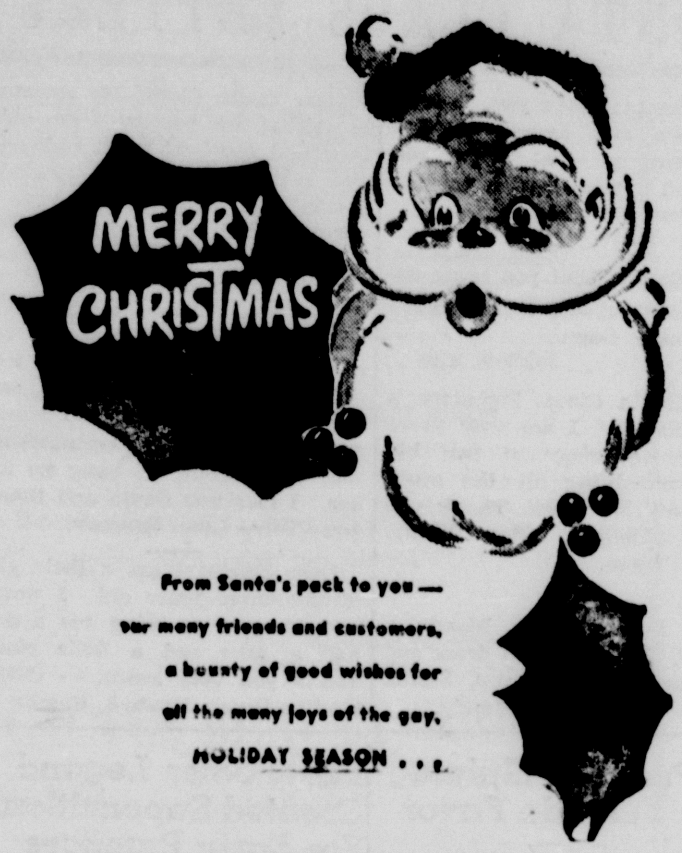
Bulgarian Children Get New Year's Gifts

New Year's Day is a great day for Bulgarian children who receive their presents and small sums of money in return for the gifts they ceremoniously present.

Teen-agers go visiting, and wishing neighbors a happy New Year, expect treats and refreshments. But, unlike our "trick or treat" of Hallowe'en, should the supply of goodies run short, the situation is accepted graciously.

NEW YEAR FIRST.

First to welcome each New Year are the residents of the Chatham Islands, New Zealand.



From Santa's pack to you — our many friends and customers, a bounty of good wishes for all the many joys of the gay, HOLIDAY SEASON . . .

The Style Mart

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

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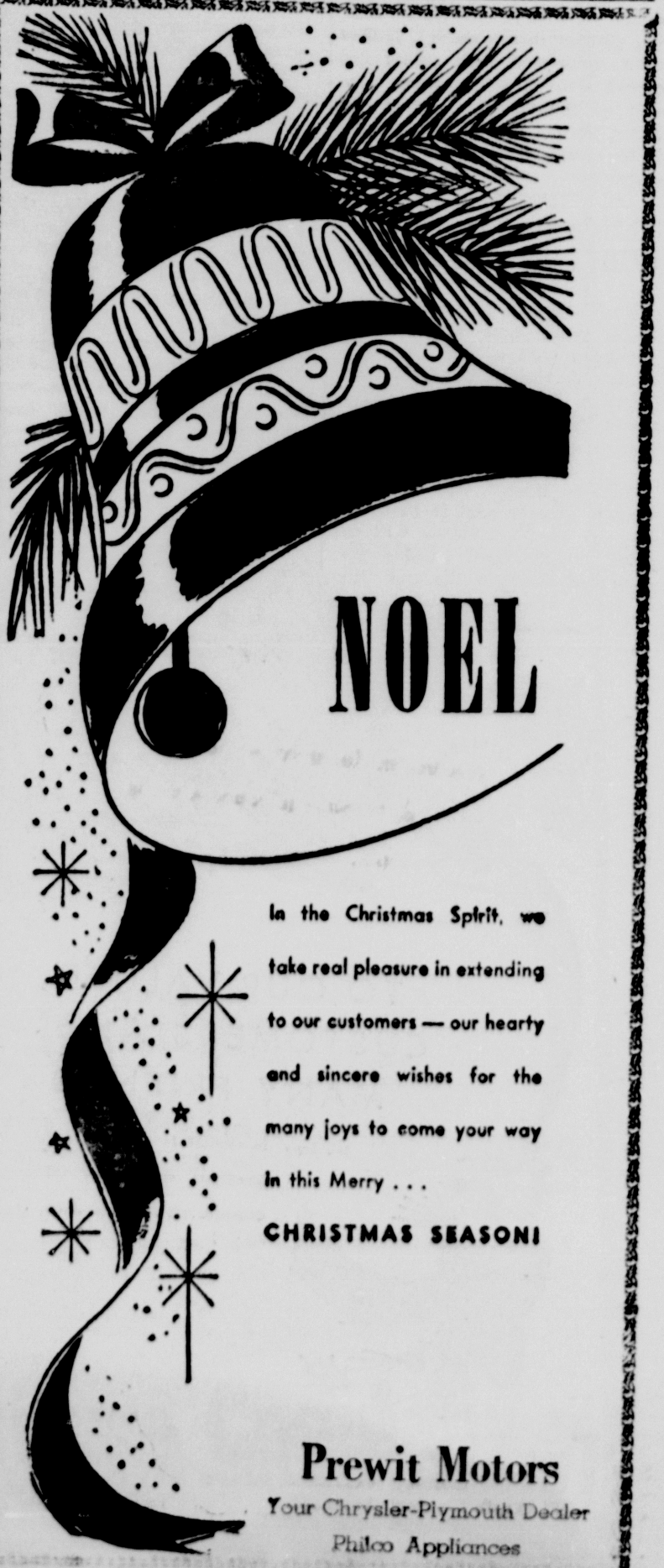


A Happy Christmas to you!

Western Auto Store

Claude Lancaster, Owner

Telephone 28 Hamlin



NOEL

In the Christmas Spirit, we take real pleasure in extending to our customers — our hearty and sincere wishes for the many joys to come your way in this Merry . . .

CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Prewit Motors

Your Chrysler-Plymouth Dealer

Philco Appliances



May these be the gifts that Christmas will bring to you...

- the joy of happy memories
- the peace of real contentment
- and the happiness of a bright New Year

Maloufs Dept. Store

HAMLIN, TEXAS

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa: I love you. I have been good and haven't pouted. Please bring me some toys, a bulldozer and a piano and a tractor. Love—Tom Max Hogan.

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Dear Santa: Will you bring me a bike, some dishes and a doll.—Mary Cathy Gage.

—

Dear Santa Claus: My name is David Biswell. I am four years old. Please bring me two big trucks and bring all the other kids what they want. Thank you —David Biswell, Star Route, Hamlin, Texas.

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Dear Santa: Bring Mandy a doll and dishes, a wash dress and some candy. Thank you, Santa. See you Christmas.—Mandy.

Dear Santa Claus: My mommy is writing this because I am only four and one-half years old, and she says I don't write English. I want you to please bring me a dress-up doll with some dresses to dress it in. I want her to have high heels, too. I want a set of dishes, too. I have a little new sister who will be a month old at Christmas. Please don't forget her. Her name is Tracy, and she doesn't talk yet. So please put something in her stocking that I am going to hang up for her. I love you Santa and thank you—Terry Lynn Gregory.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl almost three years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll and a rake and a little piani. Thank you very much. — Caffie Darline Dixon, Route 3, Hamlin.

Hot Punches Gaining New Yuletide Favor

Hot punches, gaining new popularity in America, have never gone out of favor in England, where punch bowls are a frequent sight, usually of polished silver, to hold hot brews. These zesty punches may be mild or glowing.

For mild drinks there is spiced tea with cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg added before brewing, then combined with heated fruit juices. For glowing drinks there is mulled cider, simmered with spices and served with floating orange slivers; or the traditional Tom and Jerry, served untraditionally early its brandy frothy with egg, and spiced.

Children Can Assist With Plans for Parties

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, should not be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour," why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.

First-Footer Legend Created Superstition For Early Practices

Probably one of the most widespread of the early New Year's superstitions concerned the "first-footer," the first person to cross the threshold on New Year morning. Women and light-haired men were considered unlucky "first-footers," as were people who walked pigeon-toed.

In some villages the superstition was taken so seriously that a dark-haired man was given the job of acting as first-footer. Going from house to house, he would be first to cross over the threshold, thus preserving the good fortune of the community.

Anglo-Saxons, believing that something might happen when the New Year burst in, often climbed upon the roof on New Year's Eve so as to have a good view of any such event.

And we moderns manage to make plenty of noise presumably because our primitive ancestors believed that noise would keep evil influences at a distance.

HE LEARNS FAST

"Jimmy, go get the old car."

"Why the old one, pop?"

"I believe in wearing out the old ones first, son."

"Okay, pop. Go get the car yourself."



LITTLE ANGEL—Any little girl would be delighted to receive this white cotton pique "angel" apron on Christmas morning. The scalloped hemline is accented by Prims round cover-your-own buttons. Covered buttons also are used for the angel's face. Instructions may be obtained from Prims, Press Release, Inc., Empire State Building, New York 1, N. Y.

LIKE IT SOUNDS.

Kids often say things by sound, repeating what they've heard phonetically without really knowing what they are saying. A teacher, listening to a small boy recite the pledge of allegiance, heard this:

"I pledge a region to the flag and to the country for Richard Sands!"



The Season's Best Wishes

Many are the joys that come with the Holiday Season —but none could be more pleasant than to greet our many friends with wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE CITY CAFE

Mrs. Oadine Hughes, Prop.

Nex tto Style Cleaners



Christmas Greetings

It is indeed a pleasure to thank all of you -- who are our loyal customers -- for your continued patronage. It has been a real pleasure to serve you! And it is a pleasure now to extend to you -- our warmest wishes for all that's bright and gay IN THIS WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON . . .

From All of Us at

Bailey's Dept. Store

"Where Quality Reigns"

PHONE 51 HAMLIN



Merry Christmas

TO OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS AND MANY FRIENDS

We hope to continue to serve you with friendliness and courtesy 'till Christmas rolls 'round once more.

Turner-Nail Ins. Agency

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Turner Sr.

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Henry Van Dyke's Philosophy Would Improve Tensions

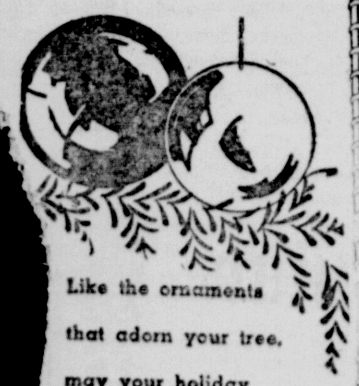
Here are some words from a famous Christmas message by Henry Van Dyke (1925-1933):

". . . there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, nad that is keeping Christmas!"

These famous words have echoed through the years and yet, sadly enough, so many of us never learn the "secret" of kepeing Christmas. In the hearts of the majority, Christmas is a great holiday, a festive occasion, a time of joy and peace, of sincere pleasure in the very act of giving. There is a certain spirit about the preparation for and observance of the holiday. We follow the usual customs, we decorate and adorn our homes and firesides, and on this one day allow our hearts to be filled with joy and peace. We hold the spirit of Christmas and we cherish it—until the bright lights come down and the tinsel and glitter are dsicards.

Yet, how wonderful would be the world we live in if we could keep Christmas in our hearts —all year round; if we could fill our hearts with love and do away with hatred and intolerance; if we could shun false pride and be always considerate and understanding in our relations with our fellow man; if we could replace the yearning for the gold and pleasures of the world with the virtues of faith and moral courage!

If we could do these things, we could build a better world; a world of peace and brotherhood, and we would be keeping the spirit of Christmas — forever — in our hearts.



Like the ornaments that adorn your tree, may your holiday celebration be festooned with fun and gaiety.



"Nothing Says It Quite Like Flowers"

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Poinsettia Was Made Popular at Christmas By Envoy to Mexico

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Robert Poinsett.

Poinsett was U. S. ambassador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents, yet he had achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew this unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Consatnt warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsettia a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any [illegible]ed to make the plant thrive.

PROBLEM OF TODAY.

One shouldn't do two things at the same time; and that includes women who put on weight and slacks.



SMOOTH—Simplicity marks this new quarter coat with slanted flap pockets. The coat by Zero King in J. P. Stevens Supima cotton is completely machine washable. The fabric is Zelan treated for water and spot repellency.



Again at Christmas we wish you well...

To all of you who have favored us with your patronage, we extend our greetings for a Very Merry Christmas!

CACTUS BEAUTY SHOP

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Bundles of Joy to You!

We have the very best of holiday wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year all tied up — just for you!

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A POINT IN TIME

A NEW YEAR'S STORY.

They found each other on New Year's Eve. Joe had come to the party because there was nothing else to do and because you were expected to celebrate the coming of the new year. To be gay and happy. Instead he was bored with the raucous confusion.

Joe was watching the dancers whirling in prescribed fashion when he saw the girl in the green formal. She wasn't Hollywood beautiful nor was she the wholesome type, but she had beauty. A radiance? No, Joe answered answered himself, as she whirled off in the arms of a tall athletic guy, she was to subdued for radiance. He had seen enough to make him forget his boredom. He had seen the pale, round face framed by black hair. He had looked into her big, dark eyes.

When she reappeared, she looked directly over her partner's shoulder at Joe and her eyes were imploring. Joe did not dare to hesitate for fear of losing his courage, but quickly threaded his way through the dancers and cut in.

One second he was tapping her partner's muscular shoulder, the next she had drifted into his arms. They danced wordlessly, solemnly. He hardly dared look at her, worrying now that he had misread the look in her eyes.

"Thanks," she said and her low voice had a sweetness and an enthusiasm to it.

Joe said, "You were looking at me then?"

She laughed and glanced up. "You were positively tsaring at me and I did need rescue. So, thanks. You can leave me now the music's stopped."

"Oh, please, can't we be properly introduced? We might come back and besides," he went on rapidly, "when you rescue someone you have to give artificial respiration. You wouldn't want me to lose my rescuer's badge so soon?"

"No, of course I wouldn't." When she laughed there were dimples in her cheeks and her eyes sparkled. "But artificial respiration here?" The dancers were regrouping around them.

"Outside," he said and started out, firmly clasping her hand. He could not bear to lose her and he knew just two things about his partner; she was the kind of a girl he had always searched for and her left hand was ringless.

She looked up searchingly as they got their coats from a maid. "If we go out, I warn you I'm not coming back."

"Wonderful" Joe swung the door open and followed her out into the frosty air. "Why? Were you bored, too?"

"Stiff. All that meaningless chatter, everyone trying so hard to find the gaiety associated with New Year's Eve. Why?"

They were walking slowly down a well lighted residential street. "Why? the holiday spirit? Trying to be conventional, not wanting to stay home when everyone else is at a party. I don't know, not really. I was there for lack of anything better to do. What do you think should be done on New Year's Eve?"

"Well, it's a point in time," she spoke thoughtfully, their steps slowed. "A time to put the past year in perspective."

"You mean assessing what's been done or left undone?"

"Yes, and looking forward, too. Oh, I know how we laugh at New Year's resolutions, but what better time for inner resolutions? Do I sound very foolish to you?"

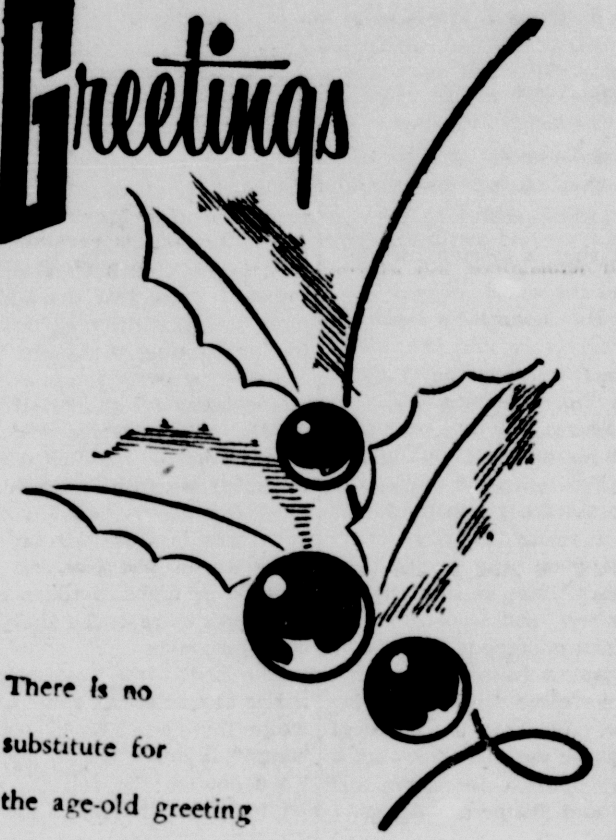
"No, very dear." It was out before he could stop it. Hurriedly he tried to bypass it. "I've often thought that wild parties were the wrong way to greet a New Year. Just think of the aching heads!"

Suddenly, she halted, taking his hand, pointed. Hand in hand, they entered the lighted church, where they knelt silently, so suddenly two young hearts filled with joy.



COFFEE TIME—This apron is just the thing to don for that morning break with the girls. Made from white cotton flour sacks, it's trimmed with appliqued coffee cups of checked bag fabric. Matching potholders have a sugar bowl-cream pitcher motif. The apron was sewn by Mrs. E. L. Robbins of Pelahatchie, Miss., who received honorable mention in the 1958 Cotton Bag Sewing Contest.

Greetings



There is no substitute for the age-old greeting we extend to our many friends —

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Style Cleaners

Don Hymer, Proprietor

SINCERE Greetings



Our heartiest wishes that you may enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and all the good fortune to make the New Year a happy one.

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Mrs. Gus Travis Letha Maberry Ammie Boils
Mrs. U. L. Lee Mrs. Cleon Gray Mrs. Luke Bryson

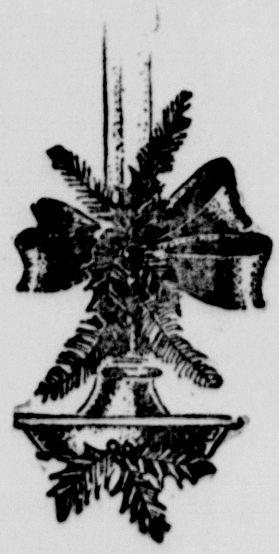
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Gracie Maberry, Proprietor

McDONALD'S

extends sincere wishes for

A Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year



From the entire "McDonald Family" of employees, a friendly wish that you be richly bestowed with the gifts of peace, happiness, understanding, and love... and a sincere "Thanks" for your patronage during 1958.

World Needs to Remember Now That Christmas Is Religious Celebration

Now it is again the season of this year that we call Christmas, the most joyfully and most universally celebrated of all our holidays.

The observance of Christmas may differ among nations and peoples which stretch from the lands of snow and ice to the sunny southern hemisphere, but in every corner of the world the true meaning of the holiday is ever the same.

As our world has changed through the centuries since the first Christmas, so have we taken the customs of Christmas and adjusted them to our changing environment. The origin of many of these customs have been lost in the passing of time to the extent that today many burn candles in the window and adorn firesides and homes with holy and mistletoe without a passing thought as to why we use candles rather than kerosene lamps and holly or mistletoe in preference to other winter greenery. It is custom, and we believe in following customs, in one fashion or another.

Customs have their place in the scheme of things, so let us keep them and, if need be, give them new meanings of our own. Yet, with it all, let us remember that customs and traditions are only a part of the observance of Christmas. We do not keep the Christmas merely because we observe the customs.

Let us keep Christmas in our hearts. Let us remember that it is a religious holiday, a time of joy and peace and faith and hope. More particularly, it is a time to be humbly grateful for mankind's greatest birthright—the hope of eternal salvation. Such was God's gift to the world that night at Bethlehem.

With the spirit of Christmas in our hearts we shall find deep and significant meanings in the customs and traditions we associate with this great holiday.



PARTY-MINDED—She has something up her sleeve—panels of dainty Norwegian embroidery. More embroidery outlines the flip-up collar of this white cotton broadcloth overblouse by Ship'n Shore. Photo by Seventeen.

Candles Have Been Used at Christmas All Around World

Candles have lighted Christmas Eve around the world for generations.

It has long been a custom in Ireland to place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christ Child on His way, and the use of candles appears in other lands in many ways.

In Czechoslovakia, for example, tiny candles are set upright in nut-shells and floated in pans of water. Armenians use myriads of candles in preparing their Christmas decorations.

At unique church services in Labrador each child receives a little lighted candle standing in a turnip, and keeps it until after the services, at which time the turnip is eaten.

In Norway, families arrive at church on Christmas Eve, each bearing a flaming torch. These are stuck in the snow while the folk attend the services.

UNIQUE CALENDAR.

The Moslem calendar is unique: The 12 months of the year begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. Thus the months, and New Years, too — retrograde through the entire year in about 33½ years.



OUR SONG OF CHRISTMAS

Rings out to wish you many bright notes of harmony and joy this Holiday!

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Complete Beauty Service



May You Have a Merry Merry Christmas

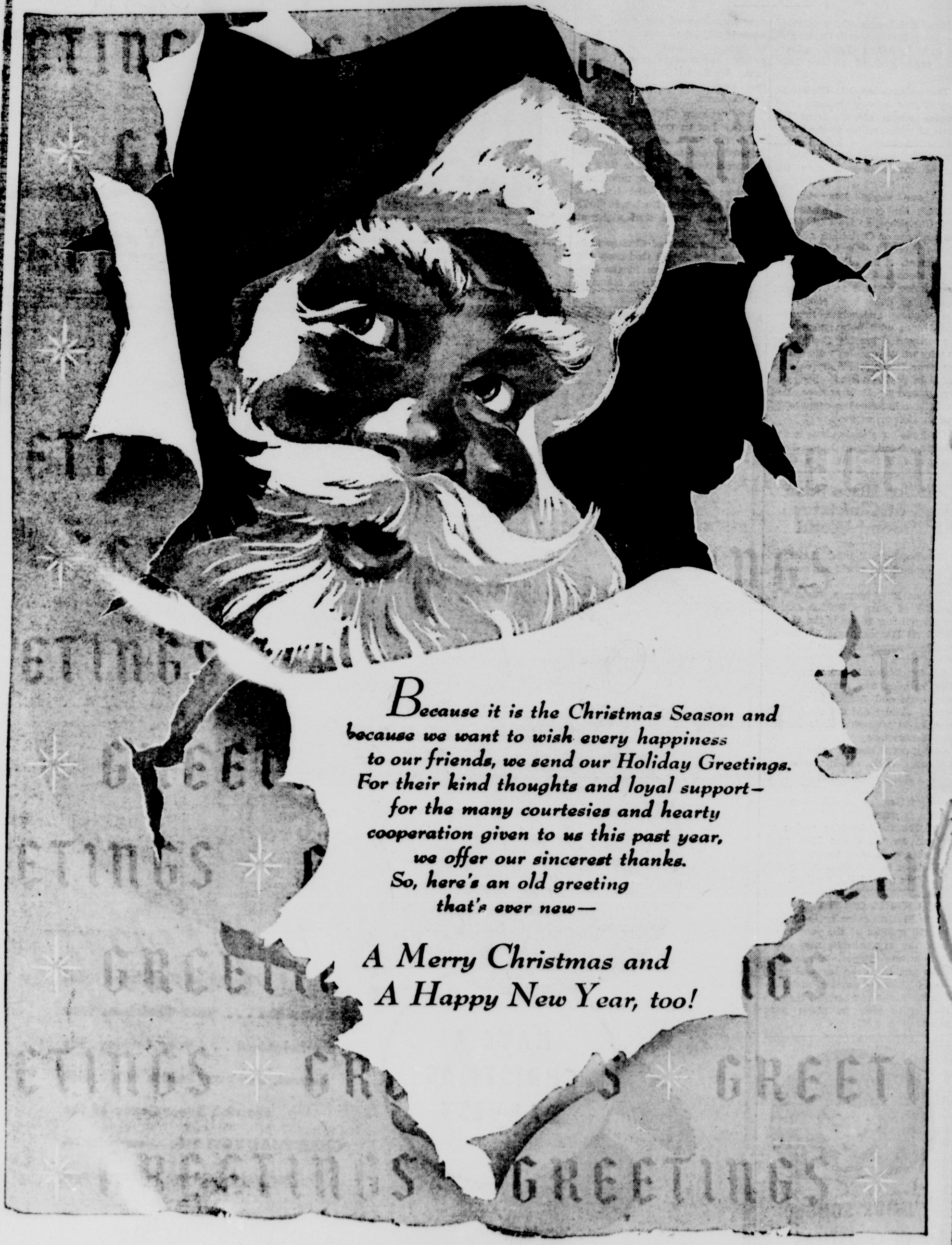
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May your Christmas feast be bountiful . . . your Christmas tree the brightest . . . your holiday, the gayest, and your hearts filled with the rich benevolence of the CHRISTMAS DAY! This — our wish — for your harvest of happiness!

DR. AND MRS. E. J. HAWKINS,
LOU ANN, JIMMY AND SHARON



Because it is the Christmas Season and because we want to wish every happiness to our friends, we send our Holiday Greetings. For their kind thoughts and loyal support— for the many courtesies and hearty cooperation given to us this past year, we offer our sincerest thanks. So, here's an old greeting that's ever new—

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year, too!

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Popvalve



Being a column in which the publisher just "blows off the steam."

By Willard Jones

JOHN R. BROWN SR. and the family dog, Butterball, made a story the other day that deserves a little special attention in this column.

The Neinda community man and his pooch started out the other Sunday morning to check the cows over in the back pasture. John had a shotgun in the pick-up as additional company. Back in the pasture Brown decided to get out and look a little more closely at one of the cows. But Butterball was mighty anxious to get out of the pick-up, too, so as the dog jumped down to the floor-board of be the first one out, he struck the trigger of the gun and it went off.

The shot went through the floor-board, shot the battery cable in two and shot the distributor cap off and soldered the battery cable to the oil stick and went out through the radiator.

The senior Brown the next day was reporting the incident to the son, John R. Brown Jr., and wife. He declared, "Something awful happened while you were gone. Your dog, Butterball, shot the pick-up while you were gone!"

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LET US SUPPOSE that the president of the United States wre to refuse to permit the setting up of a Christmas tree in the white house and, in addition ask the people of the country to give up the "harmful" custom of the Christmas tree.

Impossible? Well, it happened. The president was Theodore Roosevelt, and he was in dead earnest when he banned the Christmas tree from the executive mansion.

An ardent conservationist and day when forests were being cut down on a wholesale basis, he decided to use the prestige of his office to influence people to preserve the evergreen trees from extermination.

Archie and Quentin, the young sons of the president, rebelled against the ruling of their father and persuaded the famous conservationist, Gifford Pinchot, to look into the matter. Pinchot did not find it difficult to persuade the fiery president that the cutting of young evergreen trees, if done intelligently, would benefit the forests rather than hurt them. Roosevelt then rescinded his order, and Christmas trees were again permitted in the white house.

The first decorated Christmas trees in this country were set up during the Revolutionary War by home-sick Hessian soldiers. A half century later, a German professor at Harvard, Charles Follen, put up a tree in his home. August Imgard of Wooster, Ohio had one in 1847. A minister in Cleveland had to do a lot of explaining as late as 1851 before he could get his flock to let him set up a Christmas tree.

The enormous popularity of Christmas trees at the present makes it hard to believe that such trees were comparatively rare not too long ago. It is a fact, however, that the Christmas tree did not come into widespread use in the United States until the third quarter of the last century; and, although there were individual localities in which most homes boasted of a tree at Yuletide, there were many others where no such innovations could be seen.

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MR. AND MRS. TED RUSSELL are among several Hamlin families who have really decorated their places for the Yuletide season. They invited us and the Mrs. over Sunday to see their beautifully decorated home.

Christmas was all over the living room and den. An elaborate steel Christmas tree had a music box in the revolving tree mounting. Lovely settings and decorations were placed on tables and at other vantage points.

Chief interest, however, was the manger scene set just outside a den window. In a sort of burlap tent setting the manger scene was depicted with the father Joseph, mother Mary and Christ Child as center of attraction. The three Wise Men were in the background, and three sheep lay in the hay.

Ted remarked that Sunday morning he at first thought somebody had put a fourth sheep in the scene. A big white cat had crawled into the display during the night and was making himself at home, when Peppy, the Russells' tiny dog, discovered the intruder and frightened him away.

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Success formula: A man's toughest competitor should be himself.



JUNIOR HIGH CAGERS BEFORE SUITS—This bunch of Junior High cagers, being coached by Harry Martin, looked promising in this picture made several days ago before the boys' suits arrived. Shown are: Front row (left to right)—Mark Smith, Danny Niedecken, Mike Martin, Roy Kelly, Anthony Woolf, Andy French and Raymond Renfro; back row (left to right)—Tommy Shelburne, Barry Moore, O. H. Weaver, Larry Stephens, Dan Newberry, Randy Brown and Van Newberry.

County Voters Disapprove But Nation Okays Controls

Anniversary to Be Observed by North Central Baptists

Seventh anniversary of the North Central Avenue Baptist Church in Hamlin will be observed in a five-day homecoming and series of meetings beginning December 31, it is announced this week by the pastor, Rev. Woodrow McHugh.

A homecoming of former members and pastors of the church, established as a mission by the First Baptist Church during the pastorate of John B. Osteen, will begin Wednesday, December 31.

Rev. Danny Williams of San Angelo, first pastor of the mission in 1951, which later became a full fledged church in 1955, will preach in several services during the observance. Rev. Miles B. Hayes of Burkburnett, who was interim pastor in 1955 and 1956, also will preach during the period, it is announced.

Dinner will be served to all attendants at the church on Sunday, January 4, with local attendants bringing covered dishes.

Although former members are being extended special invitations to attend the homecoming, the public is invited to participate in the services McHugh states.

Annual Business Forecast by Babson To Be Published Next Week in Herald

The Hamlin Herald will publish Roger W. Babson's business and financial forecast for 1959 next week.

A careful checking of the Babson predictions made in the business and financial forecast for 1958 upholds the remarkable average of the past years by being 86 per cent correct. Below is the score for the last 20 years. It holds the best and highest record for annual forecasts on U. S. future business.

Year	% Acc.	Year	% Acc.
1958	86	1948	91
1957	88	1947	93
1956	85	1946	95
1955	84	1945	87
1954	86	1944	91
1953	84	1943	94
1952	88	1942	86
1951	86	1941	78
1950	81	1940	76
1949	80	1939	89

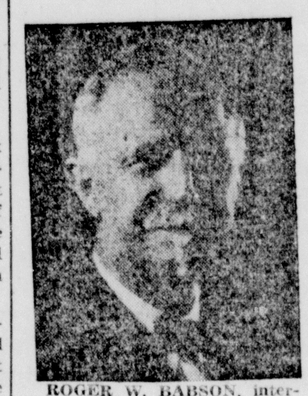
American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of both religion and advertising in business.

Born and reared in an old fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Massachusetts, Babson went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating, he turned instinctively to financial and business activities in which his father was engaged.

His exertions, however, undermined his health. He contracted tuberculosis and he was sent West "as good as dead." It was while he was convalescing from this dread malady that he worked out some of the possibilities and problems of business forecasting. His weekly releases are used by over 400 newspapers and his financial reports by 20,000 corporations and estates. His research work is carried on by a large staff of experts.

Babson has probably done more than any other man to create among his millions of newspaper readers an interest in simple business problems, and to instill a broader vision in businessmen, enabling them to meet the ups-and-downs of the business cycle.

Some people never get up in the world because they wait for someone to give them a boost before they start climbing.



ROGER W. BABSON, internationally known economsit and financial adviser, will have his annual business forecast for 1959 printed next weke in The Hamlin Herald. His forecasts have in the past average more than 80 per cent correct. You will want to read the entire article in The Herald.

This Week's Herald Being Printed Early

This week's issue of The Hamlin Herald is being mailed a full day ahead of the usual schedule. Subscribers should all have their papers on Wednesday.

The four sections of the paper carry Christmas messages from practically every business institution in the community.

State and Nation Give Referendum Approval in Vote

As was indicated several days before the election in an article in The Hamlin Herald, Jones County cotton farmers failed to give the cotton acreage allotment program the necessary two-thirds majority vote in voting last Monday. The county vote was 344 in favor of quotas and 187 against.

Although Jones County farmers failed to give the cotton marketing quota program the necessary two-thirds majority in the referendum Monday, the proposition carried in state and nation-wide balloting and quotas will continue in effect for the 1959 crop. This was indicated in news releases from over the country over the week-end as official checking of balloting was being completed.

West Central Texas as a whole favored quotas by a heavy margin, reports indicated.

Balloting on the referendum was carried on in 12 boxes Monday. A total of 532 votes were cast, with 65 per cent favoring quotas and 35 per cent against.

The vote by boxes follows:

Box—	For	Against
Anson	55	18
Hamlin	41	14
Stamford	31	39
Neinda	23	11
Tuxedo	19	28
Avoca	43	15
Ericksdahl	9	18
Noodle	30	6
Stith	25	6
Hodges	25	10
Radium	17	8
Funston	24	14
Absentee votes	6	

The marketing quota program will be in operation for next year's crop if at least two-thirds of the votes cast in the referendum are in favor of the program. In that case, farm operators will have on

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Freak Accident South of Town Sunday Kills Trucker from Indiana at Stop

A freak accident eight miles south of Hamlin Sunday afternoon about 3:00 o'clock resulted in injuries which caused the death of Ray H. Taylor, a 57-year-old truck driver of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The man died in the Hamlin Memorial Hospital less than an hour after the accident caused by internal injuries.

The driver of a big moving van en route from California to the Indiana city had stopped at the Apache Cafe, recently opened by Mr. and Mrs. James C. Holden on Highway 180, two miles west of Boyd's Chapel, for coffee and eats. After finishing his meal, he went to his parked truck and was adding oil to the engine. The car of the Holdens, parked some 80 feet away, mysteriously started rolling down the incline toward the truck, unnoticed by Taylor, who had his back to the car. The car struck Taylor, pinning him between the two vehicles. The impact almost severed a leg and seriously injured the trucker internally.

The Holdens called an ambulance from Hamlin Funeral Home, and Taylor was rushed here to the hospital, but he died shortly after reaching the hospital.

Funeral arrangements were pending awaiting word from relatives in Indiana when The Herald went to press.

Practically All Businesses Closing For Christmas Day

Downtown Hamlin will be a quiet section of the city Christmas Day it is indicated by business houses in a quick check by The Herald first of the week.

Practically all business houses and offices will be closed for the entire day to give their owners and employees an apportunity to be with their families and other relatives and friends.

Farmers and Merchants National Bank will close Wednesday at noon and remain closed all day Thursday. A few smaller businesses and offices will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The post office will be closed all day Thursday, but early morning mail will be put up in boxes before clerks take off the balance of the day.

All Hamlin schools are in the midst of a two-week cessation of classes for the Christmas season.

A cafe or two will be open Christmas Day, The Herald understands, as well as some service stations in order to service cars that will be on the move for the holiday.

Winners in City Home Decoration Contest Revealed

Winners in the Christmas decorations for the residential section of Hamlin, sponsored by the Hamlin Woman's Forum, were announced over the week-end as follows:

Wilson Brannon for the overall most beautiful decoration.

Carl Murrell for the most beautiful window decoration.

H. D. Stallcup, for the most beautiful door decoration.

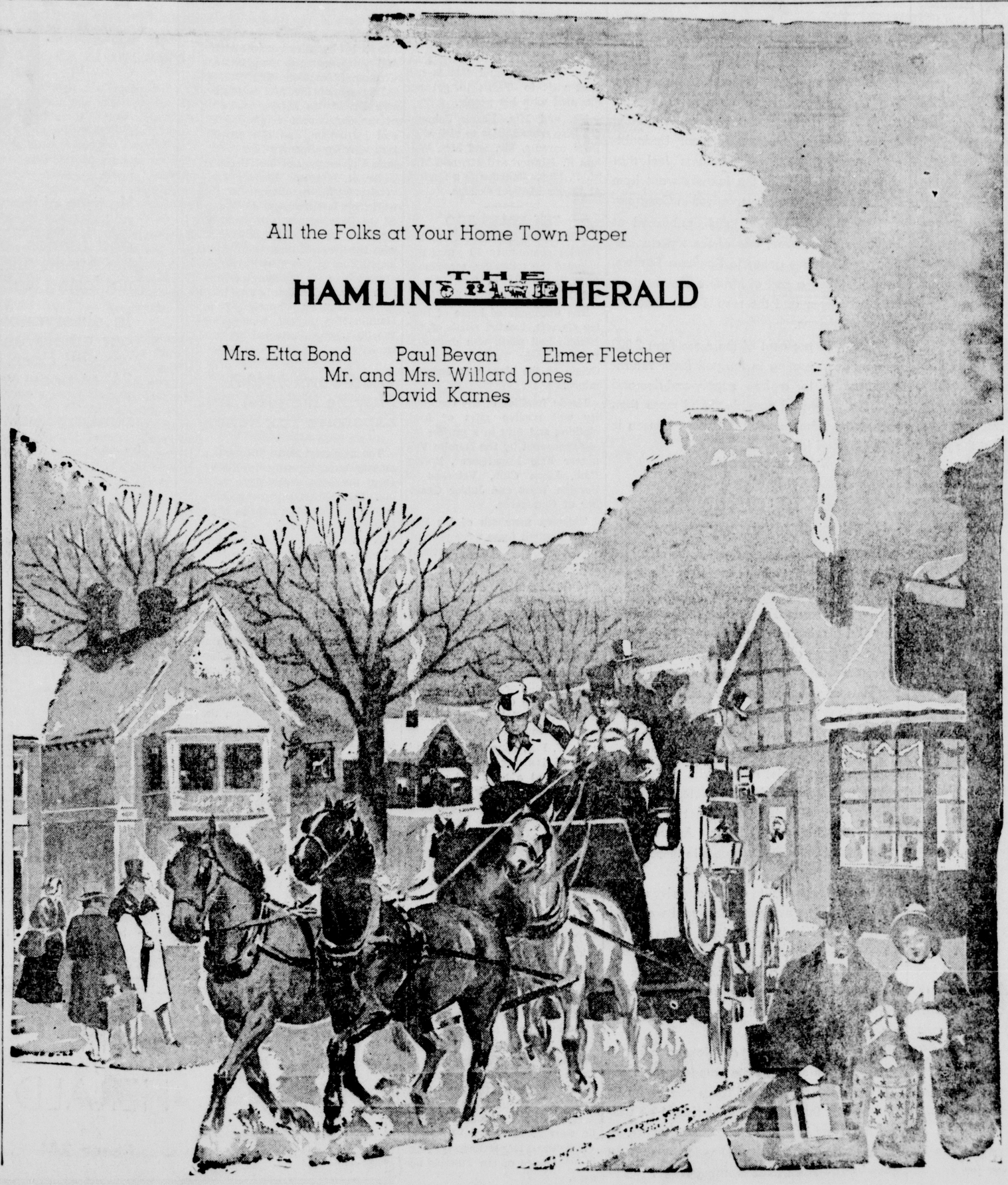
A group of out-of-town judges made the decisions following an inspection of the decorations last Friday.

Sponsors of the Christmas decoration project observed that the decorations this year were about the prettiest and the most universal in the history of Hamlin. The judges were impressed by the large number of homes putting up the decorations, they said.

All the Folks at Your Home Town Paper

HAMLIN THE HERALD

Mrs. Etta Bond Paul Bevan Elmer Fletcher
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Jones
David Karnes



Fire Friday Destroys Home of I. D. Millers

Fire of undetermined origin late Friday afternoon destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Miller, six miles northwest of Hamlin. Estimated loss of the house and contents was placed at $8,000 by Hamlin firemen who took city equipment to the blaze.

The Millers were away from home at the time of the fire, Mrs. Miller and the children being in Hamlin. The blaze was noticed by a passerby and the Hamlin fire department notified, but by the time the fire trucks reached the scene the house was practically consumed.

Miller, working for an oil concern, who was in the hospital at the time of the fire, surmised that the fire may have started from a butane water heater.

Who's New This Week

Four new citizens have been recorded at the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last week's report in The Herald. Three girls and one boy, they are:

A girl for Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Feagan was born December 14. She weighed in at seven pounds six ounces and was assigned the name Cynthia Susan.

A girl for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Washington arived December 19. Weighing eight pounds eight ounces at birth, she was given the name Thelma Jo.

A girl for Mr. and Mrs. John B. Baker Jr. of McCaulley arrived December 19. She was labeled Dana Patrese after having her weight checked at eight pounds three ounces.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Roseberry of Anson on December 20. He tipped the scales at a heavy nine pounds two ounces. He will be referred to as Tmiothy Doyle.

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Six Months, in advance.....$1.75

IS THERE SOMETHING TO THIS GOOD LUCK IDEA?

For nearly twenty centuries mankind has been plagued by a mighty problem, and despite the great strides which science has taken in other fields, there has been not the slightest trace of an advance toward the solution of this thorny matter. We refer, of course, to the age old problem: To bring a maximum of good luck, how should a horseshoe be hung—toes down, heel down or sideways?

There are three schools of thought on this subject. The toes-down group argues that its method "... keeps the luck from running out." Supporters of the heel-down system claim that the horseshoe thus looks somewhat like a halo. The good fortune which saintliness deserves will consequently be attracted, even if the fellow who nailed up the shoe doesn't lead as exalted a life as he should. Partisans of the sideways theory point out that in this position the horseshoe resembles the lucky crescent. But further complications arise. The sideways school is split into two warring factions, one of which insists on a toes-left position, while the other demands a toes-rght position.

Each of these groups has convincing arguments, and we've heard them all. Unfortunately, we have a weak memory, and we've forgotten just what the arguments were, why we were convinced, and which way. We came to some kind of conclusion, we remember, and we're sorry that we can't tell you what it was.

The belief that finding a horseshoe and nailing it over a door brings good luck dates back at least to Roman days. Witches and evil spirits, it goes without saying, are allergic to horseshoes, and will not pass into a house which is not protected by a horseshoe.

Certain people believe that it is the iron in the horseshoe, rather than the shoe itself, which brings the good luck. We hope they're right. It's a long time since we last found a horseshoe on the highways, but we're always running into scads of old iron—dented fenders, rusty exhaust pipes, discarded beer cans—and think that this ought to make our luck phenomenal . . . we hope . . . we hope.

At any rate, we are made to wonder about this whole good luck philosophy.

It's an American Habit

We Americans like to think about the future. It's one of the qualities that distinguish us from the peoples of the old world. Whether we are planning the development of a newly admitted state or approving a bond issue to build a high school, a good part of our lives is devoted to preparing for tomorrow.

The men who manage oil companies have to plan ever farther ahead than the rest of us. America has abundant reserves of oil right now, but the demand for petroleum products is expected to increase by one-third by 1965. To find the sources of oil that will be supplying us in the 1960s requires years of patient, costly exploration. It also takes years, of course, to plan, design and build refineries, pipelines, tankers, laboratories and other equipment needed to transport, process and distribute petroleum products.

We heard more about this recently when the oil industry celebrated its annual Oil Progress Week. We were made to realize again the vital role the oil industry plays in the Hamlin community economy. With the theme "Today—Oil Builds for Tomorrow," oil company people are telling us about the plans and preparations they have to make now to assure us all of a dependable supply of pertoleum products in the years to come.

We hesitate to offer predictions ourselves, but there is one statement we can make for sure. Building for the future costs money, and no oil company or any other kind of company can make plans without some assurance that it will be financially healthy. American companies must be permitted to continue operating at competitive prices that earn reasonable profits, if we are to have the abundant future we all expect.

Nuggets of Thought

If the power to do hard work is not a talent it is the best possible substitute for it.—James A. Garfield.

Doing easily what others find difficult is talent; doing what is impossible for talent is genius.—Henri-Frederic Amiel.

Talents are best nurtured in solitude; character is best formed in the stormy billows of the world.—Goethe.

If you have great talents, industry will improve them; if but moderate abilities, industry will supply their deficiencies.—Samuel Smiles.

Today pioneers are building tomorrow's progress.—Thomas J. Watson.

Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside them was superior to circumstance.—Bruce Barton.

It is a beautiful necessity of our nature to ove something.—Douglas William Jerrold.

The Farmers Speak Up

"A few months ago, I happened to tune in on a radio program being broadcast from a Southern city," notes Dr. George Benson, director of the National Education Program at Searcy, Arkansas. The speaker was a U. S. senator reporting from Washington to his constituency—via taped recording. The senator was lambasting Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson and calling for high rigid price supports for farm products as a permanent agricultural program for the nation. Undoubtedly many political office-holders feel that such a stand is what the farmers want from their senators and representatives in Congress.

"However, Farm and Ranch, published at Nashville, Tennessee, one of the top agricultural publications going to Southern farmers, has just taken a poll of farmers sentiment on national issues and the results may astonish many politicians.

"Nearly 90 per cent of the more than 2,000 farmers participating in the poll favor returning farming to a free supply-and-demand system as soon as possible. And more than half of the farmers think Secretary Benson is going a good job."

Editorial of the Week

SUGGESTED: DEFINITE POLICY.

Keeping up with the Joneses in the standard of nuclear living is quite probably the basis of diplomatic hem-and-haw on the question of test ban. So John Foster Dulles intimated recently in a press conference. And he is quite probably right about it.

You have only to look back over the limited progress of negotiation to see that this is so. For that matter, you have only to place this country in a particular position and consider what its probable attitude would be. Assume for instance, a Soviet Russia with nuclear advance well developed, a suspected adequate stock pile of H and A-bombs, not to mention rocket launchers of all types. Assume with it a United States with progress in these directions but presumably well behind.

It would be logical to expect ourselves to intend to continue experimenting until we could achieve the security of at least believing we were on equal terms.

De Gaulle with a non-atomic nation is an instance. He will not commit France, he says, to a nan-test position until he has an atomic arsenal of his own.

This country should at Geneva play it straight. We should state categorically what we are prepared to do. There can be no ifs and buts to the restrictions we should be willing to accept or to the safeguards that we require to assure that all parties to the contract observe it.—The Dallas Morning News.

RECALLING Other Years

☆ Being news items taken from old files of Your Home - Town Newspaper, The Herald.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

In checking voer our early day iles of The Hamlin Herald we find the following items of interest taken from the issue dated December 28, 1928:

A singing will be held Sunday afternoon at the Nazarene College in South Hamlin.

The John L. Sharp well, west of Hamlin, is producing more than 200 barrels of oil per day. After it blew in two weeks ago, and later was shut down for a few days, it filled with salt water and it was feared the well was not going to be a producer.

Mrs. Harry Dillard and little son, Billy Jack, of Gladstone, New Mexico, are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Feagan. Harry could not leave his sheep and is playing the good shepherd at their ranch this Christmas.

Mrs. J. F. Johnson of Alba is spending the holidays as a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Leach, on the Isbill place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack King of San Angelo are here for Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Pardue.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Among items of interest in the Hamlin community 20 years ago were the following, reprinted from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated December 23, 1938:

There is a Santa Claus! The City of Hamlin has been offered a $129,000 loan and $105,545 as a free grant for improvements to the water facilities of the city under plans of the Works Projects Administration (WPA). A contract has been signed by Mayor Joe Culbertson and government representatives to cover the proposed extensions.

Jones County has ginned 36,452 bales of cotton previous to December 1, according to the government report issued this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett May arrived Monday from Helena, Montana, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. May. Truett was married the past June in Salt Lake City to Mary Margaret Hammer, and this is her first visit to Texas to get acquainted with his people.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson are here from Dallas to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willam F. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. M. P. May. Johnson is a student at Baylor Medical College.

TEN YEARS AGO

News items of interest in the Hamlin community 10 years ago included the following, reproduced from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated December 23, 1948:

The uncompleted home of Buster Garrett, located north of the Hamlin ball park, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. Origin of the blaze was undetermined.

Needy families of the community will receive gifts of food, clothing and toys in a project being sponsored by the Hamlin Volunteer Fire Department, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Thirteen members of the Pied Piper football team were presented jackets in a special assembly program Monday.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Goings-on in the community five years ago included the following, as recrorded in The Hamlin Herald dated December 25, 1953:

By a vote of approximately 10 to one Hamlin area cotton farmers approved the cotton price parity and acreage allotment program in balloting Monday.

F. W. Poe, farmer living south of town, is being sued for $38,920 damages as a result of an auto accident on December 3 by George E. Bird and wife of Tampa, Florida.

Four directors are to be elected in mail balloting by members of the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce. Votes will be tabulated next Tuesday.

ONE YEAR AGO

The following news bits were taken from the issue of The Hamlin Herald dated December 26, 1957:

Cotton continues to roll to gins of the area as strippers by the score hum on area farms.

Bob Johnson and Jerry Smith, Hamlin Boy Scouts, were awarded Eagle Scout badges at ceremonies Friday night at the Boy Scout cabin on Hamlin West Lake.

Most business houses of Hamlin were to be closed Wednesday (Christmas Day) and Thursday in observance of the Yuletide holidays.

Filing for Benefits Early Being Urged By Social Security

Would you like to get your first social security check as soon as possible after entitlement? You can help the social security office get your money to you earlier by applying beforehand and by getting the proofs needed together, according to a release to The Herald from R. R. Tuley Jr., social security district manager in Abilene.

Tuley advised that all persons intending to retire get in touch with the social security ofice one or two months before actual retirement. They should bring with them the papers necessary to establish their rights to benefits. These include the social security card, proof of age, and proof of recent earnings, such as the last W-2 form or last income tax return, with Schedule C or Schedule F and the cancelled check with which the self-employment tax was paid. If the retiring person's wife is 62, she should bring proof of her age. Also, if there are any children under 18, their birth or baptismal certificates or other such proof of age should be furnished.

Severely disabled persons applying for freeze of social security status, if under 50, or for disability payment, if 50 or over, should bring information about medical examinations and treatment and employment for the past several years.

In death cases proof of age is needed for all eligible children, widows over 62, and dependent parents. Widows eligible for monthly benefits must furnish proof of marriage. Proof of death must be obtained in all cases.

Tuley cautioned that no one should delay filing his claim because the necessary proofs are not readily available. The social security office will be happy to assist in securing them.

English Workshop Attended by Hamlin Teacher Recognized

It was announced this week by university officials that the special workshop in English last sumer on the Midwestern University campus at Wichita Falls, attended by a Hamlin teacher, has received a special commendation and citation from the National Council of Teachers of English.

Director of the MU workshop was Dr. Madge Davis, chairman of the department of English and journalism, and the instructors were Dr. Sumner Ives of Tulane University and Dr. Priscilla Tyler of Western Reserve University. The enrollment in the workshop last summer was limited to 30 students and included local and area teachers of English who for the first time were given instruction in the new linguistic approach in the teaching of English. Mrs. Charles Scott, head of the English department at Hamlin High School, was among the 30 teachers selected for the workshop.

Card Form 1040-A May Be Simplest But Expensive Tax Return

The new card Form 1040-A is a mighty tempting way to file an easy tax return for folks with less than $10,000 gross income, points out Tax Man Sam in a release to The Herald.

A lot of taxpayers do not like to read tax instructions, however, reading the tax information booklet you get in the mail just after Santa Claus has visited you can prove might, mighty profitable. It will probably pay you to read the tax instruction booklet carefully before you decide on whether to file a simple Form 1040-A, if you are eligible, or to use a regular Form 1040 and take the deductions that are allowed on the Form 1040 that cannot be taken on the Form 1040-A.



Top Horse Breeders To Be at Stock Show

Eight of the nation's top breeders, exhibitors and trainers of horses will judge at the 1959 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, scheduled January 30 through February 8.

Douglas B. Mitchell is superintendent of the Fort Worth horse show.

Among judges for the show are Garland Bradshaw of Danville, Kentucky, B. A. Skipper Jr. of Longview, Colonel W. H. Greer of Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Elmer A. Potter of North Bartmouth, Massachusetts, and Elmer W. Hepler of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

A LOGICAL RETORT.

The teacher had been telling the class about the larger animals. "Now, Henry," she said, "tell me where the elephant is found."

Henry hesitated for a moment, and then his face lit up. "The elephant," he intoned, "is such a very large animal it hardly ever gets lost."

Some people are willing to lend a hand if they think they have a chance of borrowing two later.

REFERENDUM

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opportunity to elect a choice between (A complying with their "regular" farm allotments—with price support available at not less than 80 per cent of parity for the 1959 crop of upland cotton, or (B) complying with an increased farm allotment 40 per cent larger thon the "regular" farm allotment—with support at a level of 15 per cent of parity lower than under the first choice; quota penalties will apply to any cotton purchased in excess of the chosen allotment.

Farmers have already received notices of the allowed acreages for their individual farms giving information of both programs.

Parity prices for the choice of the individual farmers will be sent later by the county offices throughout the state to cotton growers of upland cotton in their particular counties.

The level of price support will be determined about the last day of January, and each farm operator will be notified of the price support available for his cotton depending on his choice of program A or B. He must register his choice not later than March 16, 1959.

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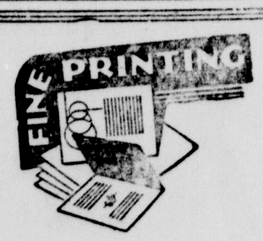
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Plans for Hamlin March of Dimes Made at Meeting

Ed Croan, manager of Winn's Variety Store, was named drive campaign manager for the Hamlin community for the annual March of Dimes, to be conducted during January, it was announced following a meeting of Jones chapter officials of the National Foundation with local people last Thursday evening at the Board of Community Development office.

Preliminary plans for the annual campaign for funds to fight polio and other diseases were laid at the meeting. Croan will name his helpers for the drive within a few days.

No goal has been assigned for the Hamlin community.

John Scarborough was named drive chairman for the Neinda community.

Attending the Thursday evening conference in Hamlin were Joe Stiles of Odessa, West Texas representative of the foundation; Mrs. Amie Gardner of Midland, field representative; Dr. Hugo Haterius of Ericksdahl, Jones County chapter chairman; and Mrs. Ned Moore, county campaign chairman.

Other county chapter officers are: Mrs. Alton McClellan of Stamford, secretary; Charles Robertson of Anson, assistant county campaign chairman; and Mrs. Lois Stevens of Hamlin, activities chairman.

MISINTERPRETED.

Policeman—"What's your name, sir?"

Cart Driver—"'Tis there on the side o' me wagon."

Policeman (trying to read the name)—"Sure, and it's obliterated."

Cart Driver—"Yer wrong entirely. 'Tis O'Brannigan."

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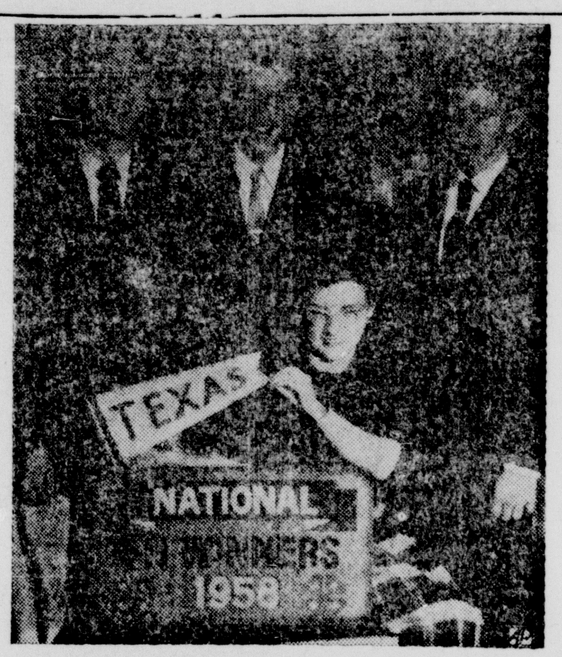
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TEXAS 4-H CLUB WINNERS—Four Texans were among the winners in the National 4-H Club Congress held in Chicago. They are (seated): Ellen Latta of Groom, winner of 4-H dairy foods demonstration; (left to right, standing): Norman Warminski of White Deer, winner of the 4-H safety program; William Morton of Wichita Falls, winner of 4-H tractor program; and Ray Dunlap of Jayton, winner of soil and water conservation program. They received awards of $400 scholarships.

Cotton Farmers Urged to Use Care in Selecting High Quality Planting Seed

Because of continued unfavorable weather in Central West Texas during the cotton season, some trouble in saving high quality planting seed from this year's cotton crop may be experienced by farmers of the Hamlin area, declares County Agent Kirby Clayton.

This situation is true in many sections of the state, warns Fred C. Elliott, extension cotton specialist. In some areas, he says, cotton harvesting conditions have been even worse than those of a year ago. Excessive moisture, cotton root rot and angular leaf spot diseases are contrcibuting to lower quality seed from some sections. Continued high moisture in the field is cause for high free fatty acid content in the seed and this lowers germination.

Elliott advises that sufficient quantities of good quality seed of known varieties be saved and carefully stored. A continuing check of seed in storage is suggested. This is one of those seasons, he points out, when even seed with a low moisture content cannot be stored and their keeping quality forgotten until next spring.

Here are Elliott's suggestions for handling the seed situation: Check seed closely by cutting a sample with a knife before storing; store only seed with high germination (80 per cent is very good) and low free fatty acid content; save seed for bulk storage containing less than 12 per cent moisture unless good facilities for drying and cooling are available; small quantities of seed should be turned and sacked, and large quantities for bulk storage should be cured by pulling air through them with a fan and duct system.

U. S. Department of Agriculture research shows that a moisture content of 13.6 per cent is the critical point beyond which storage may quickly become disastrous, says Elliott. The moisture content in all stored seed, if possible, should be brought down to 10 or 11 per cent. Air should be pulled through the seed only during daylight hours and in fair weather, with the hours between 10:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. as the preferred period.

Windbreak Seedlings Still Available for Farmers of Territory

Windbreak seedlings are available again this year through the Texas Forest Service at College Station, according to Kirby Clayton, county agent. Varieties still available for windbreaks are Ponderosa pine, red cedar, Austrian pine, Chinese elm, honey locust, sycamore, cottonwood, mulberry and osage orange.

In order to be eligible for seedlings, you must agree that they will be planted in Texas, must not be resold, or used for ornamental purposes, and they must be protected from fire, cattle and destructive insects.

Orders must be for 100 or more trees (no order for less than a total of 100 trees of one species will be accepted), orders must be received before March 1, and payment must be remitted with order. Cost fo the one-year seedlings is $1.25 per 100 prepaid. Shipping season begins about February 1 and ends April 1. The sooner your order is sent in the better chance you have of getting the desired variety.

If you are interested in more information on the windbreak seedlings or in getting an order blank, contact the county agent's office at Anson.

Many a good argument is knocked down and run over by progress.

State Chamber of Commerce Office Opening at Austin

Operation of a Texas State Chamber of Commerce will be initiated in January. Headquarters will be in Austin.

Organization of the state chamber rby the four regional Chambers of Commerce in Texas was announced jointly this week by officials of the regional chambers. The four regional chambers are the East Texas Chamber of Commerce with headquarters at Longview, the Lower Valley Chamber at Weslaco, the South Texas Chamber at San Antonio, and the West Texas Chamber at Abilene.

"The growth and complexity of tax problems confronting the citizens of Texas and of legislation regarded as restrictive on the growth of industrial development have created the need for urgent action at the state level on those matters where a common viewpoint may exsit," the announcement said.

The regional chambers will continue work in the fields of economic promotion of their own areas of the state, but will "exert unified influence" through the newly created organization:

1. For economy in government
2. For a more effective and broader ciitzenship participation in public affairs;
3. For the preservation of a proper climate for the creation of new jobs in business and industry; and
4. To encourage appropriate restraint on increases in the government imposed costs of doing business in Texas.

Only One Due to Be in County Draft Call in January

Only one man will be drafted int oservice from Jones County during January, it is estimated this week.

The state quota for Texas draft boards in January calls for 359 men, Colonel Morris S. Schwartz, state selective service director, announced Wednesday.

The state's January call of 359 compares with a quota of 462 for December, previously announced. The January call is the state's share of a national quota of 9,000 men, all for the Army.

The state director of selective service said that as a result of the drop in the monthly quota, there would be no pre-induction mental and physical examinations in January.

Local board quotas for the January induction are scheduled to be mailed by state selective service headquarters Wednesday.

The January quota will be filled with men who are at least 22 years old on January 1, with the exception of volunteers or delinquents, who may be younger.

The January induction quota is the lowest monthly call on Texas since December, 1957, when the call was for 340.

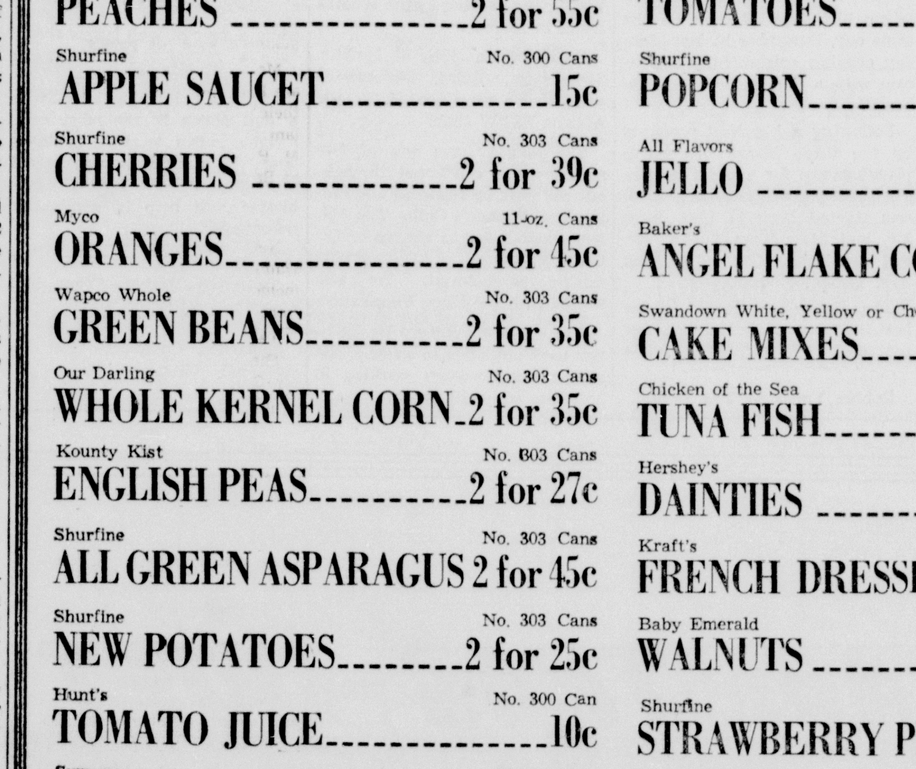
Monthly quotas for the state in 1958 were: January 493, February 641, March 660, April 679, May 677, June 519, July 538, August 539, September 573, October 564, November 556, and December 462.

NO NEED FOR RED TAPE.

Said the clerk to the couple requesting the marriage license: "I'm sorry, but a license can be issued only when the form is properly filled out."

"That's ridiculous!" snapped the groom-to-be. "I can marry her regardless of what she looks like."

Its a good idea to remember that life is a game of chance and the cards are usually stacked against you.



SHORT COUNT-DOWN.

"I just saw your family ghost stairs," gasped a man who was visiting an old mansion.

"Did it give you a start?" asked his host.

Replied the guest, "I didn't need one."

Pepole who accept invitations should sometimes send them out.

VISITING IN LOUISIANA.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Brown and son left Saturday for Houma, Louisiana, where the are spending two weeks with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Rowland.

Publicity may be an art, but there is a lot of artificial publicity.

CASHING IN.

During a recent convention of atom scientists at Las Vegas, one of the professors spent his whole free time at the gambling tables. A couple of his colleagues were discussing their friend's weakness.

"Hotchkiss gambles as if there were no tomorrow," said one.

"Maybe," commented the other, "he knows something."

Pupil Doing His Best More Important Than Grades, Says Cook

Grading is one of the most misunderstood phases of our school program, declares Superintendent of Hamln Schools C. F. Cook in a letter mailed to parents last week. The letter says:

"We are always interested in helping the parents of our students with our school policies and activities.

"Parents should not be so concerned about whether their child makes all As or Cs, but should be concerned about how they make them. Over-emphasis of grades at home sometimes is very harmful to the student twho is not capable of reaching the level demanded. If your child is doing his best, the grade he makes is not too important, but whether he or she is doing his best is what counts.

"We have done a great deal of testing in order to assist the teacher in determining whether a child is doing his best. We also give tests in order to assist the students in finding their interest. If you are interested in knowing your child's abilities, we will be more than happy to show you as a parent these results, and point out ways and ways of helping your child. We hope that this information will be of some value to you."

Hard work is probably a good thing for mankind but there are many people who want very little of the good thing.

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Myco ORANGES	11-oz. Cans	2 for 45c
Wapco Whole GREEN BEANS	No. 303 Cans	2 for 35c
Our Darling WHOLE KERNEL CORN	No. 303 Cans	2 for 35c
Kounty Kist ENGLISH PEAS	No. 303 Cans	2 for 27c
Shurfine ALL GREEN ASPARAGUS	No. 303 Cans	2 for 45c
Shurfine NEW POTATOES	No. 303 Cans	2 for 25c
Hunt's TOMATO JUICE	No. 300 Can	10c
Supreme MILKOLET STICKS	7½-oz. Pkg.	29c
Nabisco TWIRLS	1-lb. Pkg.	45c
Sunshine CUP CUSTARD	1lb. Pkg.	45c
Shurfine PUMPKIN	No. 303 Cans	2 for 21c
Shurfine TOMATOES	No. 303 Cans	2 for 39c
Shurfine POPCORN	10-oz. Can	2 for 25c
All Flavors JELLO	Reg. Pkgs.	3 for 25c
Baker's ANGEL FLAKE COCOANUT	7-oz. Pkg.	29c
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The Herald's Page for Women

Sunshiners Bluebird Group Has Had Interesting Experiences This Fall

The Sunshiners Group of Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls of the fourth grade, have certainly been fulfilling the Bluebird wish—to go to interesting places, to make beautiful things, to know about nature and to make friends—the past year.

When their meetings started in September they elected officers to serve until January. They are: Belinda Woods, president Rheaina Sanderlin, vice president; Margaret Ann Johnson, secretary; Lynn Brannon, treasurer; Sherry Cox, reporter; Vickie Newland, song leader; Sue Roddy, assistant song leader; Linda Goodwin, pianist; Janet Kelly, assistant pianist; Janet Kelly, assistant pianof the Bluebird wish.

Some of their activities have been nature study of leaves which included a hike to the City Park, where different kinds of leaves were collected to be mounted.

Two intersting trips have been made—one to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank and the other to the Harden Memorial Library.

At Halowe'en time the group made decorations for the Camp Fire Girls' hut.

Programs of music, musical games, stories and books have been presented by the group.

This week on Monday the group enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Jack Wicker sponsored by the leaders and sponsors. At this time secret pals were revealed.

Members of the group are Belinda Woods, Joy Bond, Linda Lee, Lynn Brannon, Sherry Cox, Betty Daniels, Vickie Acklin, Brenda Lee, Janet Kelly, Jackie Jenkins, Linda Goodwin, Theresa Gabriel, Margaret Ann Johnson, Suzanne Wicker, Vickie Newland, Mary Ann Van Duren, Sharon Jordan, Louise Lujan, Sue Roddy, Jeanie Young and Rheaina Sanderlin. Mary Lou Woods is the group mascot.

Leaders are Mrs. Wilson R. Brannon and Mrs. James Woods. Assistant leaders are Mrs. H. R. Daniel and Mrs. Woodrow Goodwin, [illegible] Mrs. W. T. Johnson, Mrs. Jack Wicker, Mrs. Bo Newland and Mrs. Richard Young.

McCaulley Women In Christmas Meeting

Annual Christmas party of the McCaulley Home Demonstration Club was held in the home of Mrs. Jerry Maberry, who has recently redecorated her home.

Mrs. Willie Fancher was program man, and presided over the Christmas program which was as follows: Scripture reading by Mrs. Louis Boyd. Song, "Away in a Manger," by Ann Kemp. Christmas story, Mrs. Fred Kemp. Mrs. Ben Kemp offered the prayer.

From the gaily deorated tree gifts were exchanged. Club pals were revealed and new club pal names were drawn for 1959.

Next meeting of the club will be on Monday, January 8, in the home of Mrs. Louis Boyd.

Methodist Women Meet in Cotten Home

Members of the Cook Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church met Monday in the home of Mrs. W. B. Cotten with 14 members and one visitor present.

Following the opening prayer by Mrs. Cotten, the chairman, Mrs. C. F. Cook, presided over a short business session. Minutes were read by Mrs. V. V. Anderson, secretary, and approved.

Mrs. A. B. Carlton presented the program. The scripture was read by Mrs. Watson, and she also read the Christmas story.

The hostess served coffee, cake and fruit cup to attendants following the program.

Next meeting of the group will be with Mrs. Anderson on January 26.

Three Marys Stage Annual Christmas Party for Husbands

Continuing a custom of almost 25 years three Hamlin area women whose given names are Mary and whose birthdays all come on the same day, December 10, last Monday evening celebrated the occasion with a dinner for their husbands.

Following a big feast prepared by the three Marys, the group played games for a social session.

Attendants at the affair, which was started back in 1924, were Mr. and Mrs. Troy Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhoton.

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THESE WOMEN! By d'Alessio



"But it was a slip of the tongue, darling! I meant to say you were deductible—not expendable!"

Well Lighted Place to Study and Read Important to Relief of Bad Eyestrain

Every home needs well lighted, cheerful places to study and read. A good desk lamp properly placed goes far in preventing eye strain and reducing fatigue, according to extension home furnishing specialists.

A table lamp, wall model or even a pair of wall lamps can do the job. The important thing is to be sure the lamp is equipped with a glass or plastic reflector bowl under the shade, or with a wide harp to accommcodate an indirect type bulb. Both these types of under-shade construction give a combination of upward and downward light that reduces the eye irritating difference in brightness betwen the desk top and the rest of the room.

Height of the lamp from the desk is very important, too. A lamp that is too short gives such a small spread of light that part of the desk is virtually dark. A lamp that is too tall places the bottom of the shade above eye level with a resulting brightness that is uncomfortable. Most people find that a height of 15 inches between desk top and bottom of the lamp shade is most satisfactory.

Third important factor ment of the lamp on the desk. It should be placed on the side of the desk opposite the writing hand. If twin lamps are used, such as two wall lamps, mount them with the center of the shades about 30 inches apart.

As for the amount of light—150 watts is the minimum recommended for a wall or table lamp, while a pair of wall lamps should have a minimum of 100 watts each.

Lastly, a light colored desk with a dull finish is the most comfortable when working under a lamp. If such a surface is not available, a light colored desk blotter will help in eliminating reflections.

Members of B&PW Attend Area Seminar On Mental Health

Mrs. A. A. Hackley, Mrs. Jean Davis and Mrs. John Howard Jr. attended a seminar on mental health sponsored by Business and Professional Women's Clubs of the Central West Texas area last Wednesday evening at the Wooten Hotel in Abilene.

Women from clubs at Hamlin, Sweetwater, Baird, Brownwood and Snyder were hosted by the Abilene B&PW Club.

The seminar was one of five such sessions conducted throughout the state by Business and Professional Women's Club. The Abilene session was in charge of Dr. Glenn V. Ramsey of Austin, a consulting psychologist. He also served with the Hogg Foundation.

In a chilk talk lecture Dr. Ramsey used statistics to present the new role of women working in activities of health work.

TIME'S A-WASTIN'.

Talkative Barber—"Your hair seems to be turning a little gray sir."

Impatient Customer—"I'm not surprised. Can't you work a little faster?"

Christmas Social of Naomi SS Class Held In Carl Young Home

Annual Christmas social of the Naomi Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Carl Young. Hostesses were Mrs. Young, Mrs. Winnawee Abbott and Mrs. Ruby Perryman.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the class teacher, Mrs. Vincie Walton. After a short business session, an exchange of gifts was conducted.

Lillian Greer was in charge of the program.

Refreshments of spiced tea and apple pie were served to the following attendants: Mmes. Fred Kidwell, J. A. Kidwell, Mayme Deel, Winnawee Abbott, Mattie Lafler, Lillian Greer, Stella West, Ola Waymire, Clara O'Neal, Lela Lain, Valetta Niedecken, Lurline Young, Billy Goodman, Ruby Perryman, Vincie Walton, Dicie Rodgers and Ruby Brown.

Christmas Dinner Given at Neinda for Good Neighbor Club

Members of the Good Neighbor Home Demonstration Club held their annual Christmas dinner at the Neinda community ceter last Friday night.

Several girls sang Christmas carols just before Noel Weaver led the group in prayer.

A delicious meal of ham, chicken and dressing and all the trimmings was enjoyed by 13 members and their families and five visitors.

After the meal, Floyd Gauntt showed pictures of the trip made by him and his wife to Europe which were very interesting.

Visitors were Vicky Newland, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown, Guy Poe and Mrs. Vera Jayroe. Members and families were the James Browns, L. R. Faulkenberrys, Floyd Gaunts, Sam Hodges, Elmer Joiners, Buck Joiners, Jack Kellys, Dale Lains, Lewis Earl Maddens, J. E. McCoys, J. J. Stanfords, A. A. Smith and the Noel Weavers. The Dwain Stephens were the only members absent.

Friendship SS Class Has Christmas Dinner In Roy Kelly Home

Members of the Friendship Sunday School Class of the Faith Methodist Church held their Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelly.

Attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Bond, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Crowley, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Stice, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lawliss, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dominey, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McGuire, Rev. and Mrs. Gene Moore, Mr. and Gerald Renfro, Mrs. Jimmie Austin and the host and hostess.



PARIS-INSPIRED—The gaiety and feminity of French fashion silhouettes appear in new cotton plisse sleepwear by M. C. Schrank. Left, a pajama jacket with the Chanel look tops knee-length pantaloon pants. Right, fresh spring flower motifs decorate ballerina-style pajamas with matching bloomer panties.

Eggs, Always Good Buys, Supply Needed Vitamins and Proteins

Snce the early caveman learned to eat the egg of the wild jungle fowl, the egg has bene one of the most popular foods of mankind. No other food of animal origin, according to Marshall Miller, extenson poultry marketing specialist, is eaten and relished by so many people the world over or served n any greater variety of ways.

Eggs, points out Miller, supply proteins of the highest quality—proteins which contain all of the needed amino acids or body building nutrients so essential to good health. Eggs also contain vitamins and minerals which are needed for a balanced diet. These include vitamins A, E and K, and all B vitamins including B-12. They are second to fish liver oils as a natural source of vitamin D and are especially recognized as a rich source of unsaturated fats, iron, phosphorus and trace minerals.

Miller reminds food shoppers that eggs are a top buy any time when compared on a pound-for-pound basis with other protein foods.

Almeta Niedecken To Wed Anson Man

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Niedecken Sr. of Hamlin are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tessie Almeta, to Stanley Leon Kirby of Anson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kirby Sr. of Anson.

The wedding will take place on February 14 at 7:00 p. m. in the home of the bride-elect's parents.

The bride-elect, a 1956 graduate of Hamlin High School, is a nurse at the Stamford Hospital. The bridegroom-to-be is a 1951 graduate of Anson High School. He is engaged in farming with his father and also works for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee (ASC) office in Anson.

When you need rubber stamps see The Hamlin Herald.

Christmas Dinner Meeting of B&PW Club Held Tuesday

An interesting program on "Career Advancement" was presented at the December dinner meeting of the Hamlin Business and Professional Women's Club Tuesday evening at the Primary School cafetorium.

Leone Brown was leader of the program, and other women on her committee are Pearl Hudson, Pat Harrisno, Oleta Avants and Zelma Hulse.

Following the opening prayer by Mrs. Gene Moore, the high school Girls of the Month, Jo Ann Hallum and Peggy Killion, were presented by Zelma Hulse. Mary Hollis was another visitor presented.

A vocal duet was rendered by Ann Richey and Eddie Gabriel, "When Jesus Gave His All," accompanied by Carol Jo Simpson at the piano. Zelma Hulse talked on "The Hope of Christmas," and Leone Brown gave "A Christmas Legend."

The entire group concluded the program by singing Christmas carols led by Jean Davis.

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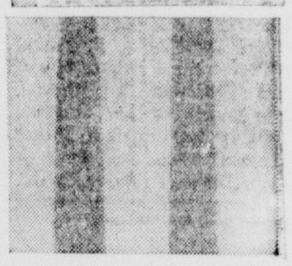
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Satin Mix Roxbury Christmas Candy 14-Oz. Pkg. **33¢**

Cream Cheese Kraft Philadelphia 2 3-Oz. Pkg. **27¢**

Whipping Cream Lucerne ½-Pt. Ctn. **00¢**

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Mixed Nuts For the Nut Bowl 1-Lb. Cello **49¢**

Strawberries Bel-air Frozen Sliced 10-Oz. Pkg. **19¢**

Sliced Peaches Or Halves — Highway No. 2½ Can **27¢**

Moisture Conditions in Region During November Below Normal for Month

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The ... rivers ...rom the C... ...stward was gene... during Nove... from ...upstream re... ...aining much of the flow of ... lower Trinity, Brazos and Colorado Rivers. West of the Colorado River the major streams continued to have normal or above normal discharge as a result of sustained high base flow.

Total usable water in 84 major reservoirs in Texas decreased ... acre feet during November to 8,644,460 acre feet, which is 85 per cent of conservation capacity. Total storage, which includes temporary storage of water in flood pools, was 10,067,090 acre feet or about 47 per cent of total storage capacity.

All selected observation wells from Houston to El Paso recorded a rise in water level during the month of November. A new high water level for the month was recorded in the Travis County well near Buda. Observation wells in the Houston and El Paso districts recorded a rise during the month, but water levels were still at record lows for November. The well in Uvalde recorded a rise in water level for the fifteenth consecutive month.

Average temperatures were a little above normal for November. First freeze of the season coincided with the first week-end of the month. On the 29th freezing temperatures dipped down to a line extending from Beaumont to San Antonio to Del Rio.

Precipitation was below normal for the month except in the lower Rio Grande Valley and the Dallas-Fort Worth area, according to a survey just completed by the U. S. Weather Bureau state climatologist at Austin.

Rainfall totals for the month of November and the accumulated totals for the year at selected weather bureau stations are shown below:

Station—	Nov. Fall	Total for Year
Abilene	.71	27.26
Amarillo	.60	21.06
Austin	.87	39.87
Brownsville	1.61	45.48
Corpus Christi	.84	34.11
Dallas	2.48	31.72
El Paso	.20	17.19
Fort Worth	2.26	34.59
Galveston	1.69	32.04
Houston	1.32	43.14
Laredo	.58	29.79
Lubbock	.34	17.55
Midland-Odessa	.88	21.96
Port Arthur	2.74	43.23
San Angelo	.66	18.31
San Antonio	.77	34.51
Victoria	1.12	36.73
Waco	1.81	34.37
Wichita Falls	.57	19.20
Shreveport, La.	3.75	46.07

Present water storage of reservoirs in the Central West Texas area and the percentage of capacities follow:

Reservoir—	Present Ac. Feet	% of Cap.
Fort Phantom	74,310	96
Paint Creek	60,000	91
Possum Kingdom	724,700	77
Lake Whitney	381,860	99
J. B. Thomas	204,000	85
Colorado City	30,700	75
Oak Creek	39,260	84
San Angelo	119,200	75
Lake Buchanan	955,000	84
Red Bluff	307,000	61
Falcon	1,218,000	100

Texas' first telegraph line was built into Marshall February 14, 1854, from Shreveport, Louisiana. Later in the year the line was extended to Rusk, Henderson, Palestine, Montgomery and Houston.

"Texas" came from "Tejas," an Indian word meaning friends or allies. The name was applied to Indian tribes living around Spanish missions in Eastern Texas.



NEW TEXAN—President Adolfo Lopez Meteos (center) smiles in his office in Mexico City after being made an honorary citizen of Texas. He is shaking hands with Bill Daniel, brother of the Texas governor, who holds the citizenship certificate he has just presented. At left are Mayor and Mrs. Raymond Tellez of El Paso, and at extreme right Mrs. Daniel.

Attendance Climbs At Sunday Schools But Still Below Norm

Sunday Schools of churches of Hamlin regained part of their lost attendance total last Sunday, but the figure was still below the normal total at the schools.

The 1,195 total for Sunday was 113 more than the 1,082 total for the previous Sunday, and was 122 more than the 1,077 figure for a year ago. Attendance figures, by churches for December 21, December 14 and a year ago follow:

Churches—	Dec. 21	Dec. 14	Year Ago
Ch. of Nazarene	100	87	90
Foursquare Gospel	63	67	59
Oak Gr. Col. Baptist	58	31	31
First Methodist	219	172	195
No. Central Baptist	63	62	77
Mexican Baptist	38	38	47
Sunset Baptist	52	30	45
Church of Christ	138	150	117
First Baptist	324	327	338
Faith Methodist	56	45	19
Assembly of God	42	38	29
Calvary Baptist	42	35	80
Totals	1195	1082	1077

School Students of City Get Long Recess

The more than 1,000 students of the four schools of Hamlin are this week enjoying the longest Christmas holiday period they have had in several years—two full weeks of no classes being allowed by school officials.

Classes were dismissed at 2:45 last Friday afternoon, and work will not be resumed until Monday, January 5, according to Superintendent of Schools C. F. Cook.

Fiesta de San Jacinto, held annually in San Antonio, commemorates the Texas victory at the battle of San Jacinto, fought on April 21, 1836. The fiesta is a week-long affair.

The scientist who doesn't have his head in the clouds these days has been misdirected.

TEXANS IN WASHINGTON

By Tex Easley, AP Washington Correspondent

Washington.—Five Texans patrol the Washington scene watching developments affecting the oil and gas industry.

They maintain offices here and are in constant touch with federal agencies and members of Congress on matters relating to the industry.

Claude Wild Jr., formerly of Austin, runs the Washington office of the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, which has thousands of members in Texas and other oil producing states.

A graduate of the University of Texas with a business administration degree in 1943, Wild served three years in the Navy, then returned to the university to get a law degree in 1949. He came to Washington that same year and quickly made a name for himself as a golfer. Last year he won the District of Columbia and Maryland state amateur championships. He repeated this year in the Maryland tournament. Wild is president of the Texas State Society of Washington. Mrs. Wild is the former Nadine King of Corpus Christi.

Curtis Morris, one time manager of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, manages the Washington office of the American Gas Association. He is to be found almost any day at the Federal Power Commission, attending hearings or checking regulations effecting any of the many natural gas pipeline and producing companies belonging to the organization.

Morris was born in Ohio and got a bachelor of arts degree at Ohio University and a master's degree from the University of Colorado. He joined the faculty of Arkansas State College in Jonesboro, where he met and married a fellow instructor, former Daisy Mildred Jones, formerly of Vernon, and a 1925 graduate of the University of Texas. In 1929 he became manager of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce with headquarters at Longview, holding that post until 1949 when he went to Houston to become associated with the gas pipeline industry. He took the Washington job in 1953. The couple has two children, a son serving as a doctor with the Army Air Force in Saudi Arabia; and a daughter, Mrs. H. D. Medley of Corpus Christi.

Harold Kennedy, formerly of Palestine and a state legislator from that area from 1938 to 1942, operates an office here for the Ohio Oil Company. The concern's principal holdings are in Texas.

Kennedy was elected to the Legislature at the age of 22, shortly after graduation from the University of Texas with a law degree. He served in the Navy from 1942 to 1945, then came to Washington with the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association. His wife is the former Helen Hancock, who was a beauty queen at Baylor in 1941.

William J. Merrill, one time county judge of Panola County, is the Washington representative of Humble Oil Company. Born and reared at Stephenville, he attended John Tarleton College and then got a law degree from the University of Texas in 1939. He was in the Army from 1942 to 1945. Mrs. Merrill is the former Syble Elliott of Henderson. They have three daughters.

H. D. Coe, latest comer among Texans to the ranks of petroleum industry watchdogs here, hails originally from Kilgore. A 1950 graduate of the University of Texas with a chemical engineering degree, he spent two and one-half years in Corpus Christi before taking his present post with the Sun Oil Company last May. His wife is the former Barbara Coleman of Houston.

A sixth Texan is much involved in oil matters in Washington, but in a completely different capacity. Navy Captain M. V. Carson Jr., who hails from Hearne, where his mother still lives, is administrator of the government's program for voluntary reduction of oil imports. His offices are in the Department of Interior, with the department's oil and gas division. He is on loan from the Navy for the assignment.

Freight Carloadings For Santa Fe Decline

Freight carloadings for the Santa Fe Railway System for the week ending December 13, 1958, wer 24,975 compared with 425,65 for the same week a year ago, reflecting a decline. Cars received from connections totaled 11,021 compared with 10,404 for the same week in 1956.

Total cars moved were 35,996 compared with 36,058 for the same week a year ago. Santa Fe handled a total of 35,233 cars in the preceding week this year.

The average person not only is responsible for his own troubles, but he uses poor judgment in choosing the ones he brings upon himself.

See the 1959 line of wallpapers now on display at Paul Bryan Lumber Company. 9-tfc

VETERAN QUESTIONS

The questions and answers below about veteran problems are carried as a service to present and former service connected personnel by The Herald. Material for this column is supplied by the area office of the Veterans Administration at Lubbock.

Question.—This fall I will be taking a college pre-med course under the Korean GI bill in the same city where I now have a job in a drug store. My boss wants me to go on working for him part time. Would those drug store earnings cut down on my GI allowance?

Answer.—No. You may earn any amount at all in your spare time without having your school allowance reduced. In fact, veterans in school under the GI bill do not even have to report outside earnings to the VA.

Q.—I am receiving disability compensation payments, and, according to a statement from my physician, my disability has become worse. Is his statement enough to qualify me for increased payment from VA?

A.—The evidence provided by your physician must be verified by an official VA physical examination. If VA finds your condition has become worse, the compensation increase may be made effective as of the date VA received the evidence from your physician.

Q.—I am a World War II veteran, still carrying GI term insurance, which is getting pretty expensive. Can I convert just part of it to a permanent plan or must I convert all of it at once?

A.—You may convert part of your GI term insurance to permanent insurance if you wish. However, insurance must be converted in multiples of $500, and the minimum amount that may be converted is $1,000.

Q.—I live in an area where VA can make GI home loans direct to veterans. One of our local builders is planning to put up some houses and wants to contract with me to buy one with a GI loan. He has an advance financing commitment from the VA to help him build these houses. Just what is that?

A.—An advance financing commitment from the VA is an arrangement whereby sums of money up to $135,000 for any one builder may be set aside and used by VA to make loans dirct to veterans who agree to buy houses the builder will erect. The builder is charged a two per cent fee for this service, and has three months, which may be extended, in which to contract with eligible veterans for the purchase or construction of the homes.



WINNER—Delores Ann Krenek won high score in the cotton division of the 1958 State 4-H Dress Revue at the Texas State Fair in Dallas. Her smart navy cotton is a double-duty dress. The jacket may be removed for party wear.

Taxpayer Assistance Offered by Internal Revenue on Returns

The Internal Revenue Service is holding taxpayer assistance day every Monday morning between January 5 and April 15 again this year, announces Tax Man Sam in a release to The Herald. Taxpayers who have problems they cannot solve by reading their tax instructioins that they receive in the mail should plan on either telephoning or visiting the Internal Revenue Service office on Monday morning if they need help.

There are 20 Internal Revenue Service offices located in the major cities througnout the northern half of Texas in the Dallas district. At most of these offices the internal revenue men are out of the office carrying out their regular duties (visiting taxpayers at their places of business or offices) during the remainder of the week.

The revenue folks feel that most taxpayers can solv most of their problems by reading their tax instructions carefully. They are in business, however, every Monday morning for those of us who do not read so good

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FOR SALE—Rat and mouse poison.—Pied Piper Feed Mills, telephone 168, Hamlin, Texas. 5-tfc

BEAUTIFUL modern button-type electric range for sale; cost $375 onl yshort time ago. Will sell for $125. Inquire at The Herald. tfp

FOR SALE—Glass desk and table tops.—Hamlin Paint & Body, S. E. Avenue A at First Street. 41-tfc

FOR SALE—Boys' 14-inch bicycle; just been repainted and new tires. —Call 662 after 6:00 p. m. 7-2c

FOR SALE—Plenty of minnows. —J. C. Cauble at Hamlin South Lake. 5-4p

FOR SALE—Extra good bundle legari.—W. C. King, McCaulley, Texas. 8-2p

LINOLEUM by the yard available in six different patterns now at White Auto Store. 47-tfc

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FOR SALE—Home; best location; small down payment, balance like rent. — Hamlin Motor Company. 46-tfc

Miscellaneous

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CARD OF THANKS

I wish to extend my deep appreciation to all my friends who did so much for me during my recent beravement in the loss of my wife. The many beautiful expressions of sympathy were most comfortng.—W. J. Clawson. 1p

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RETIRED MEN, shift workers, etc.—If you have 12 to 15 hours per week we can offer you an opportunity to earn $100 per month.—Watkins Products, 2418 North Treadaway Blvd., Abilene, Texas. 5-4c

I AM OPENING UP a garage and auto salvage yard at the rear of the Col-Tex Station.—Bill Stewart, phone 86. 8-3p

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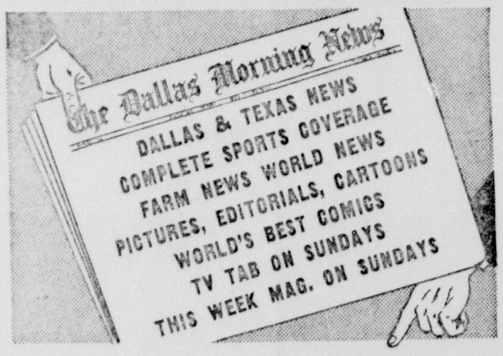
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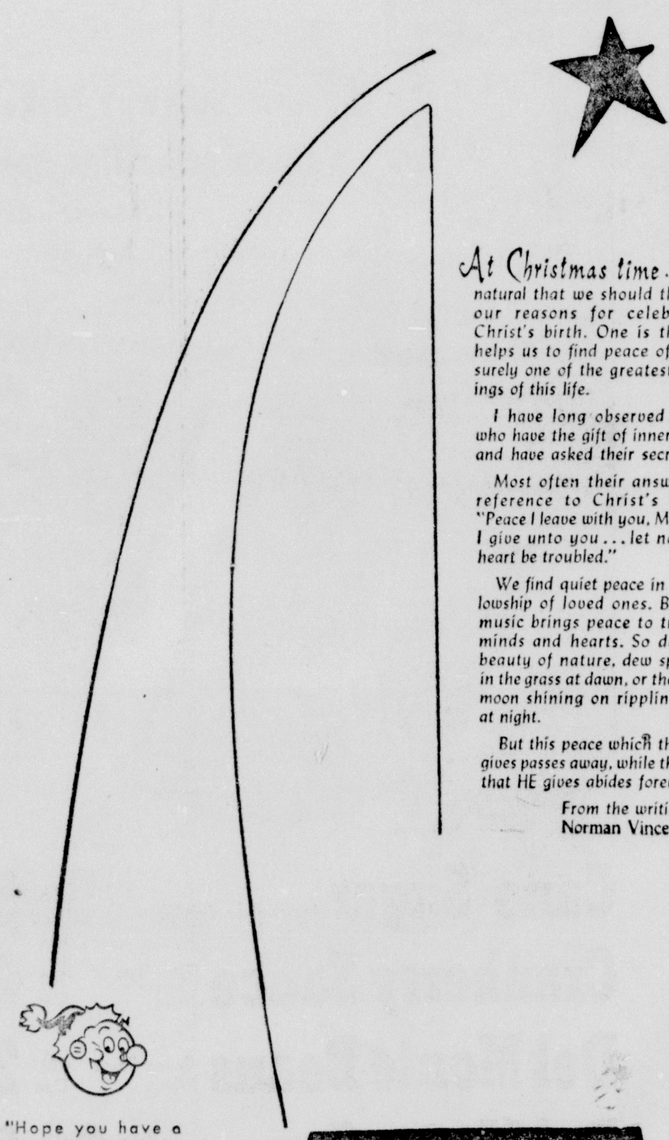
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At Christmas time... it is natural that we should think of our reasons for celebrating Christ's birth. One is that HE helps us to find peace of mind, surely one of the greatest blessings of this life.

I have long observed people who have the gift of inner peace, and have asked their secret.

Most often their answer is a reference to Christ's words, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you... let not your heart be troubled."

We find quiet peace in the fellowship of loved ones. Beautiful music brings peace to troubled minds and hearts. So does the beauty of nature, dew sparkling in the grass at dawn, or the silvery moon shining on rippling water at night.

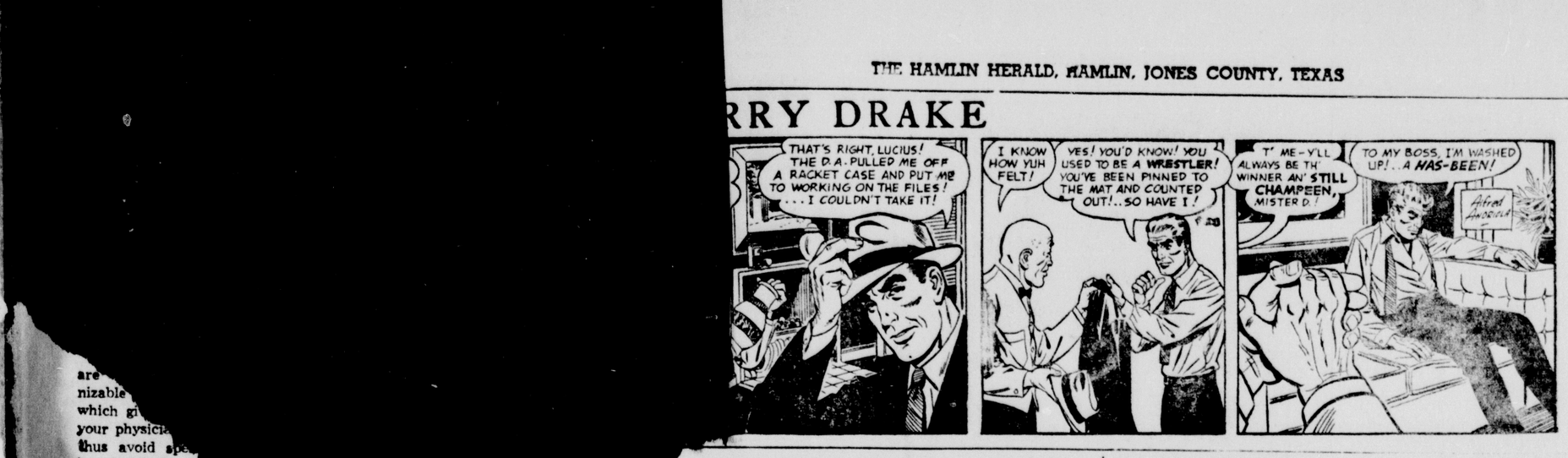
But this peace which the world gives passes away, while the peace that HE gives abides forever.

From the writings of Norman Vincent Peale

"Hope you have a Merry, Merry Christmas ... and that you and your loved ones enjoy many Electrical Gifts."

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West Texas Utilities Company



...nizable ... which gi... your physici... thus avoid spe... in a hospital.

The same applies ... illnesses, with the differ... ing the inability of the untr... ...en[t] person to recognize the signs o... an approaching mental disorder.

We are a blessed with varying amounts of wisdom of hindsight, but a recently published research project of the division of mental health of the Texas Department of Health suggests ways to put this hindsight to work.

How many mental patients were previously known to local community health and welfare agencies? Have certain types of agencies be in touch with certain kinds of patients before they are admitted to the state hospi... had th... direct contact (through their families) with one or more of the agencies.

In addition several other facts were discovered opening new vistas of study in mental illness prevention. For instance, it was found that half of the 148 first admissions to the state hospital had eight years of schooling or less. However, only one-fifth of all Travis County residents had eight years or less of formal schooling.

What does all this and other new-found facts mean?

According to Charles Mitchell, director of the division of mental health, "It points out a need for available trained personnel in key points where they can help health and welfare workers recognize persons with borderline nervous disorders in time to keep them out of hospitals."

Farm Prices Decline During November From Harvest Impact

Farm prices fell slightly more than two per cent in the month ending November 15. The drop largely reflected the seasonal impact of heavy fall harvests on market prices.

Farm prices as a whole were at 82 per cent of parity in mid-November by comparison with 85 per cent in mid-October, the Department of Agriculture reported from Washington.

The parity ratio was the lowest since January of this year, but one per cent above November, 1957.

Parity is a standard for measuring farm prices in relation to the cost of things farmers must buy.

Prices paid by farmers for goods and services rose to a new high of 307 in the index.

Winners Announced In Business Section Christmas Decoration

Winners in the Christmas window decorations contest for downtown business houses, sponsored by the Hamlin Board of Community Development, were announced by the BCD.

Hamlin Flower Shop was named winner of first prize of $25 in cash. Second was Tommy's Flowers, the prize being $15; and third prize of $10 went to the decoration at the city hall.

Out-of-town judges were used in evaluating the windows, which were most attractive, declared the appraisers.

See the 1959 line of wallpapers now on display at Paul Bryan Lumber Company. 9-tfc

HAMLIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital since last week's report in The Herald have cal, December 14; Deana Hargrove, medical, December 15; Mrs. John G. Turner, medical, December 15; Walter Meeks, surgical, December 15; Debra Swinson of Anson, medical, December 15; Mrs. Hill Smith, medical, December 15; Mrs. Pearl Fannin, medical, December 15; Carl Green, medical, December 15; Bobby Spalding, medical, December 15; I. D. Miller, medical, December 16; J. C. Burton, medical, December 16; Clinton Barrow, medical, December 16; J. P. Cornelius, medica, December 16; Alfred Griffin, medical, December 16; Mrs. A. L. Josey of Sylvester, medical, December 16; C. P. Gonzales of Robstown, December 17; R. H. McCurdy, medical, December 17; Charlotte Burleson, medical, December 17; Mrs. Edgar Smith, medical, December 17; Mrs. Marvin Carlton, medical, December 17; J. A. Rose, medical, December 17; Art Newcomb, medical, December 18; Jo Ella Washington, ob., December 19; Mrs. John Baker, ob., December 19; Tony Morales, medical, December 19; S. D. Redus, medical, December 19; Mrs. B. J. Hawkins of Aspermont, ob., December 19; Mrs. Doyle Roseberry of Anson, ob., December 20; Benny Craft, medical, December 20; Mrs. Buck Scott, medical, December 20; M. W. Robertson, medical, December 20; Sharon Wyatt, medical, December 20; Mrs. L. L. Hill of Aspermont, medical, December 21; Neal Leach of Roby, medical, December 21.

Patients Dismissed—Pat Windsor, December 15; Emil Stremmel, December 18; Tom Campbell, December 21; Alice Mae Cooper, December 15; Charles Scott, December 16; Rickey Bond, December 16; O. R. Burnham, December 15; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, December 16; Kathy Rutherford, December 16; Mrs. C. K. Harper, December 15; Mrs. R. T. Bogle Jr., December 18; H. B. Carter, December 15; Mrs. W. A. Hawkins, December 15; Mrs. J. R. Feagan, December 18; Wilburn Ash, December 19; C. M. McCain, Deeembecr 20; Mrs. C. M. McCain, December 19; Roy Lee McCain, December 20; Deana Hargrove, December 18; Debra Swinson of Anson, December 18; Mrs. Hill Smith, December 18; Mrs. Pearl Fannin, December 17; Carl Green December 17; Bobby Spaldnig, December 20; I. D. Miller, December 20; J. C. Burton, December 19; Clinton Barrow, December 20; Alfred Griffin, December 20; Mrs. A. L. Josey of Sylvester, December 21; C. P. Gonzales of Robatown, December 20; Mrs. Edgar Smith, December 19.

... of six foreign powers have flown over the state of Texas. They are the flags of Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, Southern Confederacy and the United States.

Texas is the No. 1 sheep and wool state of the Union, with the industry centered in Southwest and far West Texas.

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Fre Show for Kids of Area Set Wednesday

Kids of the Hamlin community will have opportunity to see the free cartoon show presented each year by the Hamlin Volunteer Fire Department, in cooperation with the owners and management of the Ferguson Theater, Wednesday mornnig—Christmas Eve—beginning at 10:00 o'clock.

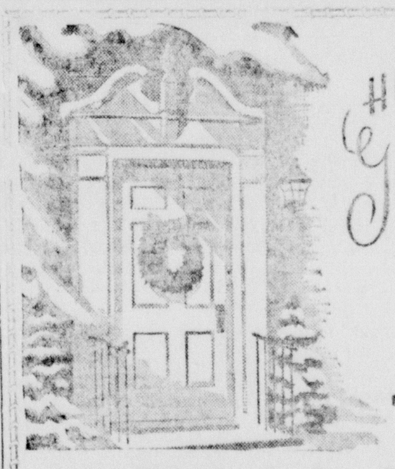
Following the show, bags of gooddes will be presented to all kids attending the show. Special prizes will be given at a drawing, official of the fire department explain, including a boys' or girls' bicycle.

Medicine Mound, Texas, takes its name from four elevations in the vicinity. These were called medicine mounds and were camp and ceremonial sites of the Comanche Indians. Medicinal herbs not available anywhere else were found there.

See The Herald for paper clips.

Alonzo Alvarez de Pineda, a Spanish explorer, and his followers are believed to have been the first white men to set foot on what ids now Texas soil. Pineda and his group explored the area in 1519.

Life's but a brief lesson—and school's out before we know it.



HOLIDAY Greetings

In this Merry Christmas Season, may you find the start of a very Happy New Year.

Elizabeth, Joe, Helen and George Kraft

for COLDS take 666

A Joyful Christmas to All

... and may all the pleasure and happiness of the Yuletide abound throughout the New Year.



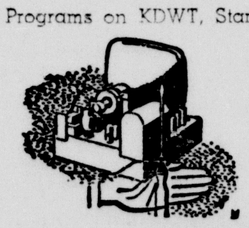
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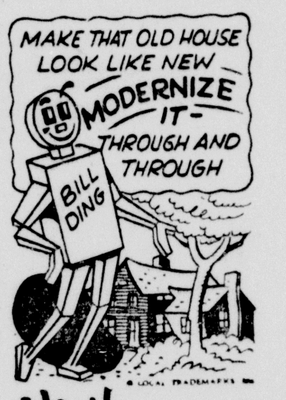
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STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Vern Sanford

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Austin.—Attorney General Will Wilson's drive against overcharging by small borrowers is reaching the "massive resistance" level.

Goal is to eliminate from Texas a sort of modern day "debtors' prison." Wilson described the "racket" in which low income people borrow a little, then pay back, pay back, and pay back, often several times what they borrowed. Yet they remain in debt, unable to get ahead of the mounting charges.

In one day Wilson's office filed 217 injunction suits against small loan companies over the state. This is in addition to 46 other suits filed in recent months.

Involved in the 217 suits, said Wilson are some $10,000,000 in loans to about 200,000 borrowers. Interest charges range from 100 to 300 per cent annually. (State constitutional maximum is 10 per cent).

It's the largest drive of this sort ever conducted in Texas, says Wilson, and the only one in recent history of the nation.

But apparently there's room for it to get even bigger. "We suspect 1,000 companies," said the attorney general.

Texas' anti-Shylock operation got underway when the Board of Insurance slashed credit insurance rates in half. Before that, said Wilson, the loan companies could make extra profits legally by requiring borrowers to buy high cost credit insurance.

After this, said Wilson, the loan companies switched to "brokerage plans" which reportedly result in the 100 to 300 per cent annual interest. Wilson and his assistants will try to prove in court that thsee operations are illegal.

If the overall campaign is successful, said Wilson, by the end of 1959 the only loan companies operating will be using the "certificate plan," which results in interest of about 20 per cent. Wilson regards the "certificate plan" as unconstitutional but says it might be an acceptable interim arrangement until the Legislature overhauls the small loan laws.

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Insurance Proposals.—The State Board of Insurance and Texas Research League have proposed several dozen changes in the insurance laws for the next Legislature.

More recommendations are due in a few weeks when the Senate general investigating committee makes its final report.

In contrast to the drastic "reform" measures that shock past sessions, the insurance legislation seen thus far is more on the order of "housekeeping rules." Most are designed to make possible more efficient administration, do away with unnecessary red tape, overlapping functions and in many cases make the existing laws clearer.

Board will ask the lawmakers to set up an interim committee to study possiblity of completely revising the insurance code to eliminate conflicting or confusing parts.

Board the board and the league suggest doing away with annual re-licensing of companies and agents. Board says it has a "mad scramble" every year trying to check all statements before the licensing deadline. Employees work all hours and still haven't time to do the job justice. Under the proposed arrangement, the checking would go on all the time and licenses would be continuous until and unless cause was found for revoking them.

Research league also proposed some changes in the laws to clear up the tangle of authority over the liquidation of bankrupt insurance companies. One is to make the liquidation office an integral part of the Texas Insurance Department and give the commissioner responsibility. At present liquidation is rather loosely attached to the department.

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Medical Care Urged.—State committee on aging recommends a law that would allow people on the state welfare rolls to receive up to $6 a month medical aid.

Passage of the constitutional amendment No. 8 last month authorized making such payments for the aged blind, dependent children and totally and permanently disabled.

Committee on aging estimates this minimum $ -a-month program would cost up to $9,000,000 a year. It labeled "prohibitive" the probable cost of paying all medical costs for all persons on welfare.

Senator Crawford Martin of Hillsboro is chairman of the committee.

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Cities, Employees Square Off.—Renamed and reorganized, the Texas Municipal League is mounting a campaign for laws to ease the cities' growing pains.

Chiefly, say the cities, they need more money to finance the spiraling cost of city services. League proposed laws would close the loopholes by which many escape the loca lproperty tax on autos, and gives cities permission to levy other broad based taxes, such as sales or income.

Another league hope: To return control of wages and hours of city employees to the cities. This is one that is already stirring up some sand. State firemen's and policeman's associations, traditionally more potent forces in the Legislature than city officials, have been successful in getting wage and hour laws for city employees set by state laws.

Firemen have been busy circulating petitions declaring the league plan "would set police and fire departments back 50 years."

League has been busy, too. It held 16 regional meetings in December, electing officers and discussing aims.

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Safety Sunday.—Governor Price Daniel has proclaimed December 21 as Safety Sunday.

It would not be inappropriate, said the governor, to remind the people from the pulpit that the sixth amendment can be violated with the steering wheel of an automobile.

This year's all-out traffic safety campaign has already saved 256 lives, said the governor. Last—and probably hardest objective—will be to push this year's holiday fatalities below the 1957 toll of 103.

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John Barleycorn's Earnings.—A quarter of a century of legalized liquor has brought in more than a third of a billion dollars in state tax revenue.

Coke Stevenson Jr. of the Liquor Control Board said that since the repeal of national prohibition in 1933 Texas has collected some $360,189,896 in alcoholic taxes and license fees. This, despite the fact that, areawise, the vast majority of Texas is dry. But population is concentrated in the wet areas.

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Jack Downey Takes Special Radio Course As Navy Technician

Jack H. Downey, air technician second class, son of Mr. and Mrs Henry Downey of Route 3, Hamlin, who is serving with the U. S. Navy, was one of four men stationed in Hawaii to be sent recently to Dallas for a three-week course at Collins Radio Corporation

Young Downey completed the course last week and returned to Hawaii. He had spent the past two week-ends with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Downey had an early Christmas dinner last Sunday in their home honoring their son. Relatives from Haskell, Rule, Rotan, Lubbock, Abilene, Sweetwater and Jal, New Mexico, gathered for the gala affair. The Downeys' daughter, Fayma, a student at North Texas State College at Denton, was unable to be at the dinner but she was home along with her brother the weekend before.

OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD

A doctor had a seven-year-old boy in his office and had to insert a needle in the lad's knee to draw off a little fluid.

The boy's mother and the doctor's nurse held the youngster while the doctor performed his painful task. The boy let out a yell, of course, even though he was more offended than hurt.

His task completed, the doctor sought to take the boy's mind off his troubles. "You're a nice looking chap," he told the youngster. "What do you expect to do when you grow up?"

His eyes wet with tears, the boy looked at the doctor with grim determination and muttered, "I'm going to kill you."

Habitual worry simply puts the headlight on the tail-end.

Periodic Health Checks May Help to Avoid Costly Time in Hospital Later

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," goes an old trudism. This is especially true in health matters, points out Dr. Henry A. Holle, commissioner of the Texas State Department of Health, in a release to The Herald. In most medical diseases there are warning signals, often recognizable by the untrained eye, to give ample time to consult a physician for treatment. And thus avoiding costly time [illegible] to mental [illegible]ence be[illegible]ained [illegible]

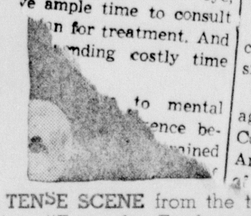
tal? How many of their families have had these previous contacts?

These and related questions about 148 residents of Travis County admitted to the Austin State Hospital during a single year, were answered by the study.

The study concerned patients who were admitted for care for the first time.

Dr. Wallace Mandell, research consultant, directed the study, assisted by Isabel Cromack.

By checking the records of 11 agencies ranging from the City-County Hospital to the Salvation Army, they found that 46 per c[illegible] of the newly hospitalized p[illegible]



TENSE SCENE from the technicolor production, "From the Earth to the Moon," above shows George Sanders, Joseph Cotten and Don Dubbins poised for an experiment. The Jules Verne epic will be featured Thursday and Friday at the Ferguson Theater.

EVERYTHING'S FIXED.

A member of a dramatic troupe was stranded for the night in a somewhat backward town. He checked in at the only hotel in the area and, glancing about with a frown, asked the clerk, "Is there water in my room?"

"There used to be," drawled the clerk, "but we've had the roof fixed recently."

SHOP TALK.

Two foremen were comparing notes.

"Do all the boys in your plant drop their tools the moment the whistle blows?" asked one.

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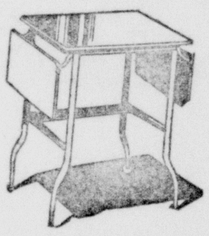
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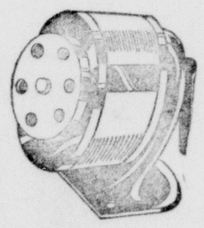
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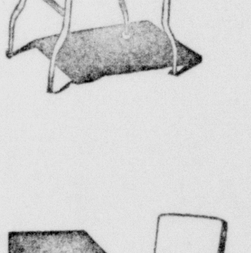


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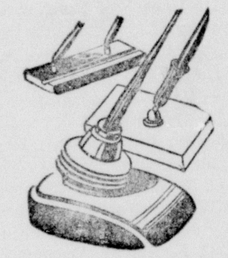
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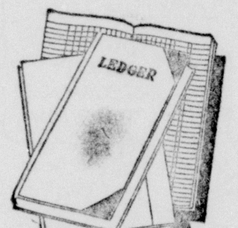
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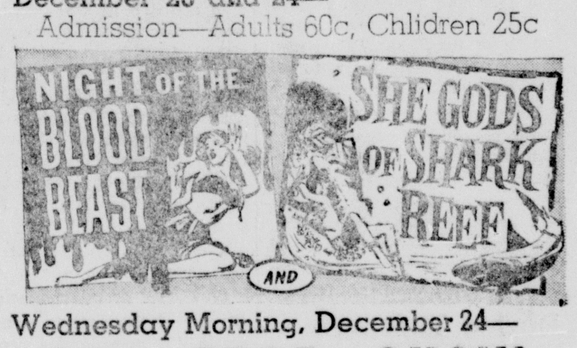
Taxpayer Assistance Offered by Internal Revenue on Returns

The Internal Revenue Service is holding taxpayer assistance day every Monday morning between January 5 and April 15 again this year, announces Tax Man Sam in a release to The Herald. Taxpayers who have problems they can not solve by reading their instructions that they re[illegible] the mail should plan[illegible] ad-telephoning or visiting, viz: nal Revenue Se[illegible]y, viz: Monday morn[illegible]n 25c or help. [illegible]sions down

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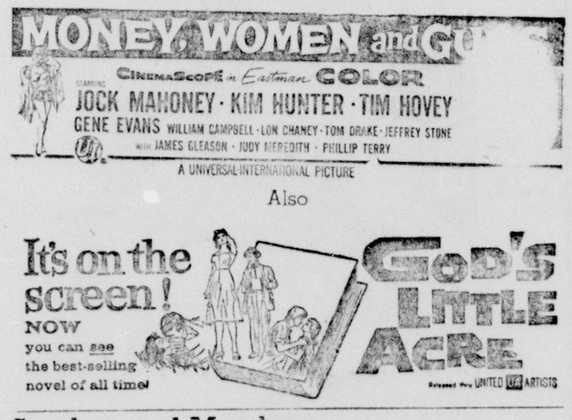
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Christmas Is Not Only Historical Event of Dec. 25

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25 as the date of the birth of the Saior.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely foreshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25 other than the birth of Christ, and the chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Burton and Frances Blake among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas day is all the average American should be expected to remember. But it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1937, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, the Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, the wreck of Santa Maria in Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas Day in 1947 that China's constitution was adopide and went into effect, making the date China's National Rennaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas Day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.



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Christmas Maybe Too Commercial, But Many Helped

Many people, with the total exception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become sense this is true to some extent too commercial. In a spiritual

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may be an over-statement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominant theme one of giving rather than of receiving! Christmas, and the spirit of Chritsmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain, the Christmas story.

CAN DO THE CANDOR.

"And now," said the teacher, "will someone please give us a sentence [illegible] 'candor'?"

"Please'm," said the bright little boy in the front seat, "my papa had a pretty stenographer, but after ma saw her he candor."



VERSATILE—All-weather cotton coat, worn by Mary Ann Mobley, Miss America 1959, features wide collar and double pocket detail. Janet Gay styled the coat in an Everglaze cotton by J. W. Valentine.

HEADS T. & P.—J. T. Suggs, vice president and general counsel of the T. & P. Railway, has been named to succeed W. G. Vollmer as new president of the railroad.

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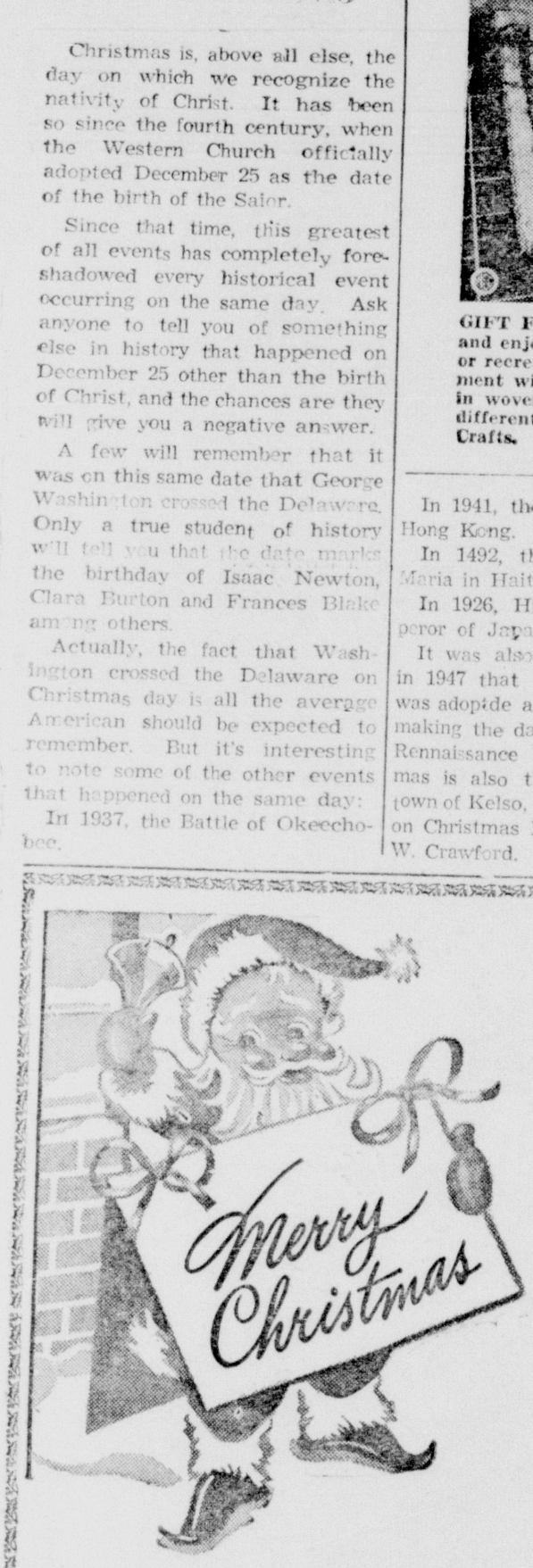
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Christmas Carols Started as Songs Around Early Crib

Christmas carols are among the oldest known forms of music. St. Francis of Assisi is generally credited with having started the custom of singing and dancing around a crib. But his exact song seems to have been lost in antiquity.

Historians say that dancing in the churches was outlawed in 589 A. D., and persisted in some places until the Council of Avignon in 1209. But the singing of carols lived on.

Although these songs are called carols in English, they are the same as the "noels" of France and the "Weigenlieder" of Germany. Originally composed for dance tunes to be sung around the crib, as some of the famous Latin Christmas hymns, they have more recently been dedicated to members of the composer's family.

Phillips Brooks wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem" for his three nieces.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" was originally "Hark, How All the Welkin Rings," composed by Charles Wesley in the eighteenth century.

No one seems to know who wrote the original words of "Adeste Fidelis," but the English translation, "O, Come All Ye Faithful," was the work of John Reading.



WASH-AND-WEAR—It's a family affair. New labor-saving cotton means less work for mother but the same traditional comfort and neat appearance for herself and her family. Man's shirt and girl's dress were machine washed and tumble dried, with seams and collars lightly touched-up with an iron. Woman's blouse and boy's shirt were machine washed and hung up to drip dry after final rinse.

SAME THING.

The minister's wife was visiting a member of the congregation, and mentioned with pardonable pride that her daughter had won first prize in a music festival.

"I know just how you must feel," said her hostess understandingly, "I remember how pleased we were when our pig got the blue ribbon at the fair."

SOFT SOAP.

It's easy to acquire a reputation for wisdom just by applauding the opinion ofs your friends.

STOP AND THINK.

Tip to motorists: The man who travels at excessive rates sets the pace that exterminates.

New Year Once Was Celebration in Spring In Ancient World

The celebration of the New Year was once a spring affair in Egypt and Rome. Ancient Egypt used the overflowing of the Nile as a calendar and celebrated the New Year accordingly. The Babylonians began their New Year in March, and the early Romans followed the Babylonian pattern.

Bearing this in mind, the custom of invoking the gods of fertility at New Year's time—the origin of which is lost in antiquity—seems logical and appropriate.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Baachus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

In the old days, Roman youths went from house to house singing and wishing everyone a prosperous New Year.

Scottish lads always had a howling good time going about on New Year's Eve switching the trunks of trees and petitioning "a good, howling crop."

Reflecting hte fear of starvation, peasant families in various parts of the world baked a special New Year's cake which they dashed against the door; members of the household hastened to pick up a piece and eat it, prayerful that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the ensuing year.

MAKING IT MODERN.

An eight-year-old lad was asked by his mother what he had learned at Sunday School.

"Well,'" he said, "our teacher told us about when God sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. When they came to the Red Sea Moses called for the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After they had all crossed, they looked back and saw the Egyptians' tanks coming. Moses radioed headquarters on his walkie-talkie to send bombers to blow up the bridge and saved the Israelites."

"Bobby!" exclaimed his mother. "Is that really the way your teacher told you that story?'

"Not exactly," Bobby admitted. "But if I told it her way, you'd never believe it."

RESOURCEFUL REPLY.

The story goes that when former Prime Minister Menzies of Australia was sworn into office, the various newspaper men were on hand to interview him. The reporter from the paper that had opposed him said, somewhat bluntly, "I suppose, Mr. Menzies, that in choosing your cabinet you will consult the powerful interests that control you."

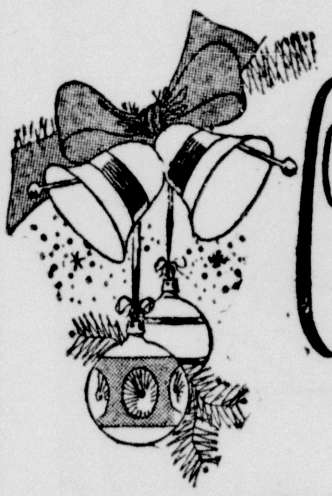
"Young man, snapped the prime minister, "keep my wife's name out of this."



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Health Officials Urge Watching of Health at Yuletide

Yuletide health hints are appropriate just now say health officials, who make these suggestions:

With the Yuletide season approaching and the prospect of many tasty, delightful dishes in mind, let us not forget the possibility of food poisoning and its rather drastic results. Cleanliness and adequate refrigeration are the keynotes in the prevention of such an unhappy occurrence. Most food poisoning is caused by infectio of certain types of bacteria which grow rapidly under favorable conditions, such as high temperature and high humidity. This infection may come from dirty hands, utensils, flies, rodents, infected food materials or contaminated water.

"Food should be purchased in a fresh state and consumed while still fresh. If food is allowed to stand hours before serving and at high temperatures, good culture media for bacteria results. Therefore, refrigeration is a necessity. If food must be prepared in advance of use, it should be cooked thoroughly and kept refrigerated below 59 degrees until used. In general, milk, ice cream and dairy products should come from approved sources," say the health officials.

READY FOR EMERGENCY.

A teen-aged boy and his girl friend were out driving one fine summer evening. They came to a quiet spot on a lonely country road and the car suddenly stopped.

"Out of gas," said the boy.

The girl nonchalantly opened her purse and pulled out a flask.

"Swell," exclaimed the boy. "Is it scotch or bourbon?"

"Gas," replied the girl.

Courtesy yields large dividends, [illegible] that is too often overlooked.



Keep Christmas safe from fire is sage advice of man's best friend as CBS-TV star Lassie gives sidekick Jon Provost a "Golden Rule for a Happy Yule" tag listing Christmas tree fire dangers. Young Provost, Lassie's TV owner, is one of 4,000,000 Junior Fire Marshals across the country who are attaching fire safety reminder tags to Yule trees on sale in stores, markets and plant nurseries. Tags in the form of golden, six-inch rulers are supplied by the Hartford Fire Insurance Company which sponsors the year-round Junior Fire Marshal program as a national public service.

IMPORTANT QUERY.

The six-year-old had just received a detailed lecture from his father on the facts of life, the birds and bees, and simple biology. Papa leaned back at the end of the recital and said:

"Now, if there is anything else you want to know, don't hesitate to ask me, son."

The boy pondered a minute, then gravely asked his father, "How come they put the Saturday Evening Post on Wednesday?"

GIVE AND TAKE.

Living today is a game of robbing Peter to pay Paul to make it possible to stand Pat.

THE DAILY GRIND.

Necessity may be the mother of invention at times, but it is just the mother of hard work to most of us.

SET ASIDE.

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Good Planning Helps Games for Party Go Off Smoother, Points Out Agent

Good planning is the secret of good recreation, says Mary Y. Newberry, home demonstration agent. For those special holiday parties, plan your recreation well ahead of time.

Variety adds spice to any party. Games should be planned to provide change of pace and activity.

Start with a pre-party game, suggests Mrs. Newberry. This gets people participating, laughing and relaxing. It also fills the awkward period from early arrival until party time. Exhibits, a game or conversation objects may be used for this purpose.

Next plan a circle or get acquainted game, so guests will learn names and start talking with each other. A seated circle is the best type of starting formation because everyone can see the leader, and all guests must join the circle in order to have a place to sit.

Other quiet and active circle games may follow the get acquainted game. Alternate quiet and active games, but avoid constant changing of formation. Active standing games will gave a change of position and pace. Games that require some movement of body, and perhaps some singing, will liven up the activity. Easier games should be played first. Be sure to give clear instructions and have all materials and supplies ready for each game.

Refreshments may be served easily at the close of some active standing game. A hgih point game will climax the party. Choose it carefully, keeping the interests of guests and perhaps the theme of the party in mind.

The ending is important, too, reminds the agent. Plan a definite game or activity that will let the guests know party is over. Leave them wanting more. If you've enjoyed your party, chances are your guests have had a wonderful time.

IN DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

"Do you mean to tell me," demanded the doctor of the patient, "that you were shot through the heart during the war and are still alive?"

'Well, doc," admitted the patient, "what saved my life was that I was so scared that my heart was in my mouth when that bullet

GOOD HABIT.

There are few dark days ahead for the people who have learned to spread sunshine.



MERRY CHRISTMAS—Here's a handsome gift for the man in your life—a washable cotton sport shirt. A small printed pattern is accented with a bold striped pattern in this trimly tailored, long-sleeved shirt by Manhattan.

Safety Conscious Motorists Urged For School Pupils

Speaking from his Austin office, J. O. Musick, general manager of the Texas Safety Association, issued a special plea to Texas motorists this week as he asked them to be exceptionally safety conscious during the first few weeks of the new school year.

"The arrival of September means the driving habits of every Texan will necessarily undergo a radical change,' Musick said. "Because, with the opening of school doors, nearly 2,000,000 pupils, 76,000 teachers and more than 8,000 school buses will be added to the Texas traffic scene."

The safety expert said motorists who have become accustomed to driving through school zones at regular speeds—during summer months—would have to constantly remind themselves that these areas are now filled with children.

"A stopped school bus is another sign for needed extra caution," he said, "and the law is explicit on this point."

When overtaking and passing a school bus, the Texas motor vehicle law states:

"The driver of a vehicle upon a highway outside of the limits of any incorporated city or town upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children shall stop the vehicle immediately before passing the school bus, but may then proceed past such school bus at a speed which is prudent, not exceeding 10 miles per hour, and with due caution for the safety of such children."

JEALOUSY CREEPS IN.

Up in the frozen Yukon two trappers stopped at the last outpost to get their supplies for the long, dark winter. After loading their sleds wih flour, beans, kerosene, ammunition and other necessities for a six-month stay in the wilds, they were ready to leave when the storekeeper called to them, "Wait a minute, boys. How about takin' one of these?" and he held up a large board shaped like an hour glass.

"What is it?" asked one of the trappers.

The storekeeper winked. "It's called a love board. You can hug it when you get lonely."

"We'll take two!" exclaimed the men.

Six months later one bearded, haggard trapper returned

"Where's your buddy?" asked the storekeeper.

"Had to shoot him," muttered the trapper. "Caught him messin' around my love board!"



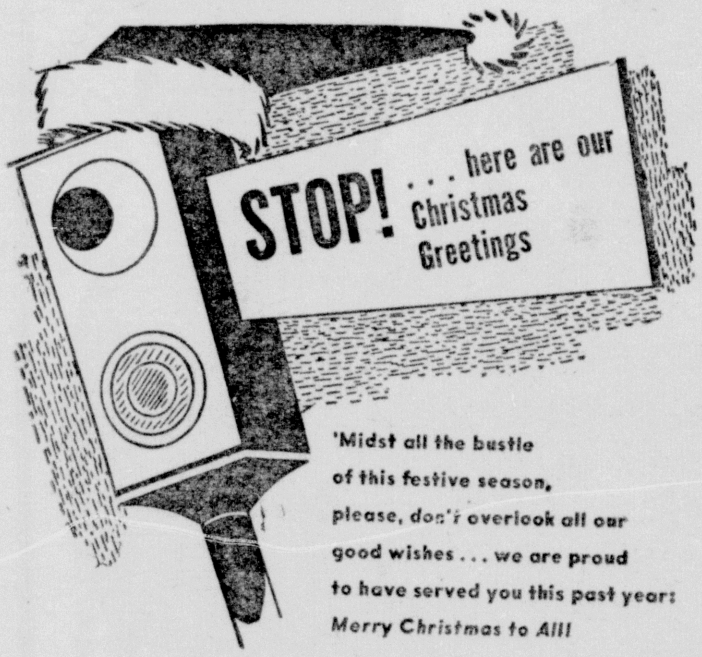
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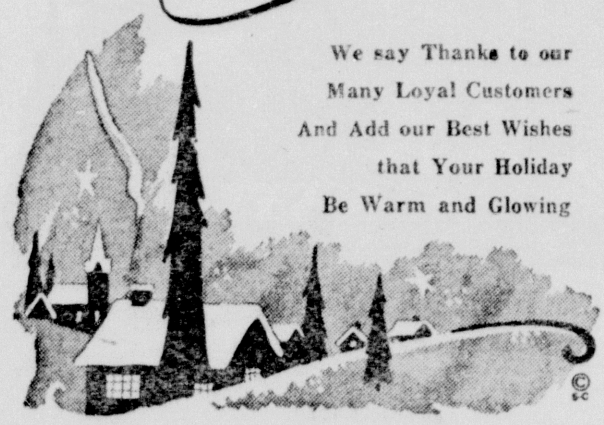
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Unpublished Work Of Dickens Brings Fabulous Price

Only a few years ago, a previously unpublished Didkens' manuscript, "The Life of Our Lord," was presented to the world.

This simple moving narrative had been written by Dickens 100 years earlier for the exclusive enjoyment of his children and because he felt such deep veneration and reverence for the life and lessons of our Savior, Dickens had left instructions that this particular manuscript never be commercialized. It was never made public [illegible] of Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, the author's youngest child.

Purchased by th London Daily Mail for the staggering amount of $210,000—or, $15 per word—the manuscript became a literary [illegible] of the irst magnitude, destined to be read and cherished forever wherever thoughtful parents, like Dickens, want their children to know something about the history of Jesus Christ.

For, according to Dickens:

"Everybody ought to know about Him. No one ever lived who was [illegible] so good, so kind, so gentle and so sorry for people who did wrong or were in any way ill and miserable, as He was.

"And as He is now in heaven, where we all hope to go, and all meet each other after we are dead, and there be happy always together, you can never think what a good place heaven is, without knowing who He was and what He did."

NO HOT NUMBER?

Mother—"Darling, what did you do at the party?"

Little Boy—"Sang the refrigerator song."

Mather—"Tell mama how it goes."

Little Boy—"Sang the refrigera- fell[illegible]."

Mistletoe Is Major Pest in Forests of Parts of Universe

There's more to mistletoe than the excuse to invite a kiss from a pretty girl.

The white-berried plant actually is a parasite, often killing off trees that play it host. In recent years Australian foresters resorted to flame throwers to kill off the plant in some wooded areas. The popular promoter of Yuletide romance has a bad habit of sapping the water and mineral salts from the trees, starving them to death.

The mistletoe does serve one useful function in the outdoors, however, as it provides a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree damaging parasite. After eating the berries, the birds clean their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree—young branches or buds—and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves of the guest plant.

Thus the mistletoe plays dual characters and at least according to one superstition, can change from one character to another in the twinkling of an eye. For instance, if the Yuletide mistletoe bough isn't removed from a house by Candlemas Eve (February 1), each leaf will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

IT'S SERIOUS CASE.

"Doctor, you've got to do something," the owner of a Great Dane told the veterinarian. "My dog does nothing but chase sports cars."

"Well, that's only natural," said the doctor. "Most dogs chase cars."

"Yes," the man agreed, "but mine catches them and buries them in the back yard."



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Caution at Christmastime Can Add to Gaiety of Happy Occasion for Family

The gaiety of the Christmas season can be changed to grief and sorrow within seconds. The home during this season is usually loaded with fire hazards and, unless safety precautions are taken, an accident could happen, warns the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council.

The Christmas tree, the center of most home decorations, can be a principal hazard. The council suggests that a freshly cut tree be selected a few days before Christmas. Before it is placed in the house, the base of the tree should be cut diagonally and placed in water or wet sand. This will keep the tree fresh and help in retarding fire. The tree should be placed so that it will not block exits to a room and away from the fireplace, powerful electric lights and other sources of heat.

The council recommends that only Underwriters Laboratories approved lights be used on the tree. Lights which have been used before should be checked for frayed wires or damaged sockets. Electrical circuits should not be overloaded with additional lights, toys and appliances.

Only nonflammable decorations should be used on the tree and tree lights should be turned off when no one is at home or when the family retires. Trees should be discarded when the needles begin to dry and fall.

This is also a time for smokers to be doubly careful, point out the councilmen. Extra care with cigarettes, cigars and pipes is advised especially when smoking around flammable materials. Do not let wrappings from packages clutter up the house for they can become a real fire hazard.

Observance of the basic rules of home safety can make the holiday season happier and life more pleasant for the family and friends concludes the safety group.

WEIGHTY MATTER.

When the chic, doe-eyed beauty asked for a good book to read, the obliging librarian said' "Do you want something light or do you prefer the heavier books?"

"It really doesn't matter," the young woman assured her. "I have my car outside."

LIVE AND LET LIVE.

People who aim to please don't have to take time out for target practice.



CASUAL—Comfort and smart styling are combined in this cotton poplin car coat by White Stag. Corduroy trims collar and cuffs.

Citizens Urged to Cooperate in Plan To Cut Death Toll

A Ross Rommel, president of the Texas Safety Association, called on Texans today to stand firmly behind state and local officials in their efforts to reduce the highway death toll.

"If we are shocked by the slaughter on our streets and highways, we have only ourselves to blame," Rommel said. "For it lies within our power to do something about it."

He stated that highway safety, like every other aspect of government, will be just as effective as the people want it.

"During the past year," Rommel said, "public officials gave strong support to the back-the-attack on traffic accidents program, sponsored by in Texas by TSA, and throughout the nation by the National Safety Council."

Rommel said he believed that when final 1957 figures are in, the record will reveal that the back-the-attack program is having its effect on the overall accident prevention move.

"However," he said, "still more individual help is needed for the coming months as the attack campaign enters its second year."

He listed three of these needed aids as being:

1. Demand stricter enforcement of traffic laws and stand behind the efforts of officials who enforce them.

2. Support your local safety organizations. If there is no local group, help organize one.

3. Check up on your own safety practices—make certain you are a safe person, because you are the first line of defense in the back-the-attack program.



TV STAR—Dale Robertson, who plays Jim Hardie on the TV Western series, "Tales of Wells Fargo," will appear in all rodeo performances at the 1959 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth. The stock show and rodeo will run Jan. 30 through Feb. 8 and will feature the nation's top livestock and cowboys.

PUBLIC RELATIONS.

"Miss Henderson," said the boss, "I want you to prepare a statement for the press announcing that, beginning January 1, this company will pay a pension of $300 a month to all employees who have been with us 20 years or longer."

"But, Mr. Allmant, this company has been in business for less than six months."

"I know. But it'll look good in the papers anyhow."

NOAH IN THE ARK.

"And how, my boy, did Noah spend his time in the ark?" the minister asked.

"Fishin', I think," came the reply.

"That sounds reasonable," remarked the minister.

"Yeh," added the youngster, "but I don't think he caught much."

"Why do you say that?" queried the minister.

"Cause," said the boy, "he had only two worms".



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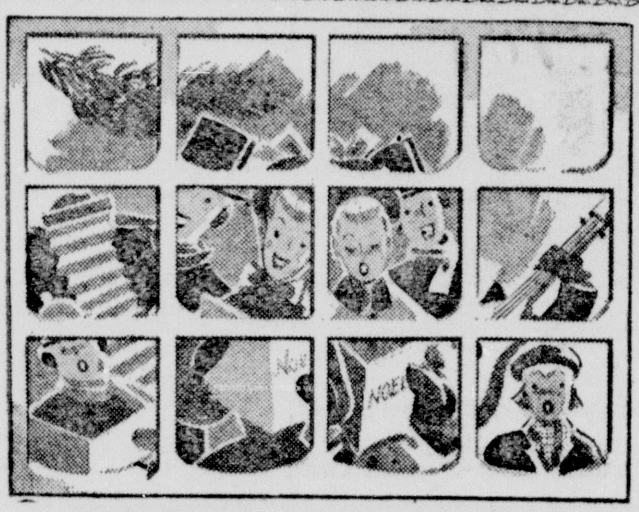
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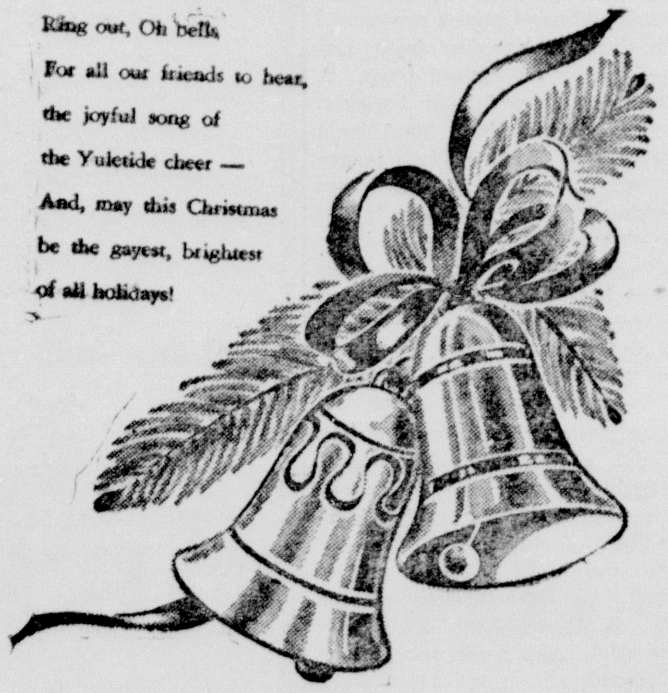
the joyful song of

the Yuletide cheer —

And, may this Christmas

be the gayest, brightest

of all holidays!



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Santa Illusion Is Wondrous Magic For Our Children

Every December many parents are faced with the problem of what to do or what to say about Santa Claus. Some of our edu-ators have been saying for year at the Santa t roehsiyCSeshtiaS that the Santa theory is all wrong and some of today's "modern" parents seem to agree.

But is the Saint Nick idea goo or bad for children? We say is good and that no child, be average or brilliant, ever suff from the grand illusion. Child know there is a Santa Claus they accept the fact that he gr ually changes from the Sant fiction to the bill-paying Santa reality.

Santa is good for small c dren, for children have imagi tive minds. The fact they n see a Santa on every corner n ters litlte. In their eyes Santa a symbol, a mystery, and in wondrous magic is apt to pop anywhere.

And it is not the end of world when the time comes some older child shatters the i sion by telling all. Such is perfect opportunity for the v parent to explain that Santa after all, a spirit of Christm He represents the spirit of givi and the reason that we give Christmas time is because this the day on which Jesus was bor Jesus taught us love and faith an hope andSanta is a figurative be ing who helps us understand an use that teaching.

Many Versions Give Origin of Gift Giving

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift giving at Christmas time started.

Some believe that it all came from ancient England, where it was once custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistle-toe and were the key for a pleas-ant holiday pastime. It is said that the young knights and ladies would come to the kissing rings with Christmas roses for their secret sweethearts.

Select Turkey That Will Provide Ample Meat for Christmas

Turkey is a favorite holiday treat, so be sure your bird is tailor-made to fit your family's holiday appetites and plans.

Birds are plentiful at this time of year and most stores are stock-ed with birds ranging from six-pound hens to 27-pound toms. A young turkey weighing between four and six pounds is ideal for a small family. For a slightly larger number, a young hen or tom weighing from 10 to 25 pounds will provide ample servings.

Allow at least one pound of un-cooked bird per serving. If you plan two dinner parties, cut it in half and store half in a locker or home freezer.

Select your bird carefully. A tender, juicy bird will have plenty of finish, or fat. This fat is most noticeable in the feather tracts, but should cover the entire bird. The best turkey has moderate depth and a well fleshed breast carrying well back between the legs. A broad back and short drum-sticks also mean more meat per pound.

A well fleshed bird has a broad, flat breast and enough fleshing over the back, legs and thighs to make all parts of the dressed bird blend together, with no prom-inent bones.

ONE THING SETTLED.

Hubby—"Well, darling, I have just had my life insured for $5,000."

Wife—"That's nice. Now I won't have to keep telling you to be careful every place you go."

MIXED UP KIDS?

Parents spend the first part of a child's life getting him to walk and talk, and the rest of his child-hood getting him to sit down and shut up.

ALL THE INGREDIENTS.

To live happily in the country one must have the soul of a poet, the mind of a philosopher, the simple tastes of a hermit—and a good station wagon.

MAYBE WE'RE WRONG.

News Item: "Statisticians find that nine out of 10 women are knock-kneed.

And for years we'd been think-ing that statisticians never had any fun.

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It's Christmas! And there's fun all around
we see it in the merry gleam in people's eyes
...in the festive air of mistletoe and holly pinned up about the house.
We see it, too, in the gay gift wrappings strewn 'round
and in the tinsel and shining lights that decorate Yuletide trees.
And we express the fun and good will of this holiday season with our own joy-filled wish for you...
that this be truly the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year of all!

Fred B. Moore Grain Co.

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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa: I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a doll, dishes, buggy and cradle. I love you.—Kathy Criswell.

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Dear Santa: My name is Brad, and I am six yars old. I have a brother Johnny and he is four years old I would like an airplane with a parachute that drops out, and a rifle with a telescope, and a rootball suit with the pads, helmet, pants and shirt. I have been a good boy and I have been sick. Johnny wants a little bicycle, a wrecker truck (and Brad wants one, tooy, and a rifle. I have been a good boy, too. We hope you have enough toys to go around. Thank you—brad and Don Stallcup.

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Dear Santa: Will you bring me a BB gun and two guns and scabbord and a parrot gun and trapeze and please send it to me. My daddy hasn't been working very steady. I am seven years old. Please bring it to me please.—David Collins, 1048 Southeast Avenue B, Hamlin.

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Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a red wagon and a train and a football and an electric football game? I am five years old and will go to school next year. Will you please brng them to me? I live at 950 Southeast Avenue B, Hamlin.—Daily Ponder.

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Dear Santa Claus: I am a good litte boy four and one-half years old, and sure want you to come see me Christmas. I also have a little baby brother six months old. Please bring me a bicycle, bowling set, jeep and Army men, and bring something nice for Mark. All my love — Bryce Fowler, Box 305, Hamlin, Texas.

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Dear Santa Claus: I want a dryer and a Tiny Tears doll. I want a Mickey Mouse typewriter, also a cabinet. I have been a good girl, and please remember all the other boys and girls.—Helen Howard.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring em a bowling ball and pens and a dump truck with a shovel, a gun and some bullets. I have been a good boy.—Johnny Howard.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a girl going on 12 years old. I have three brothers. My baby brother would like a road grader and I would like a doll. My daddy doesn't work very much. Would you bring me a pair of six; I wear size 9½. Signed—Nancy De Kirkland.

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Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy five years old. I would like an electric train. I would also like a gun named "Have Gun—Will Travel." My name is David Earl Mullings. I live at 437 North Central Avenue, Hamlin.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I want a dump truck. I want an airplane.—Jesse Lechuga.

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Dear Santa: I am seven years old. I have been a good little boy. Pleose bring me a diesel train. Love—Larry Smart.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a doll. Love—Eufimia Rangel.

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Dear Santa: I am seven years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a bride doll. Love—Dora Rodriguez.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a ballet doll and a bicycle. Love—Diane Neal.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a bride doll and an ironing board. Love — Deborah K. Hallmark.

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Dear Santa: I am Gary. I am a six-year-old boy. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a BB gun and a bicycle. Love —Gary Owens.

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Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little boy. Will you please bring me a diesel train. Love—Michael Owens.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and some candy. Thank you—Sally Contreras.

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Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a big doll and some dishes.—Maggie Trevino.



AUTUMN LEAVES—This relaxed cotton fashion by Rembrandt is the golden color of autumn leaves. The wide-wale Crompton corduroy also gives texture interest to the straight-lined dress.

Dear Santa: I am a six-year-old boy. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a BB gun and a truck with gas.—Gary Don Maberry.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a BB gun, a football, a camera, an Army set, a bicycle and a basket for Christmas please. Your friend, Joe Poe.



With a song in our heart we extend to our many friends our wishes for a joyous Christmas and a New Year of bountiful success and good health.

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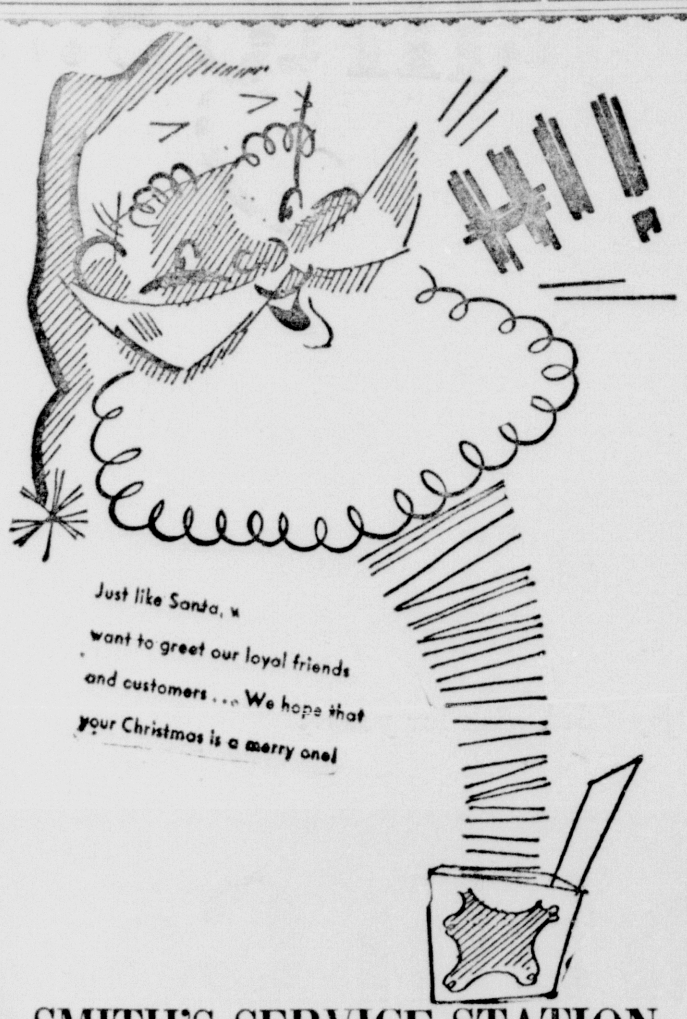


Our Christmas Wish--

That the Spirit of this Holy Day, as conceived by our Lord, live on forever in eternal good will, tolerance and the brotherhood of man . . .

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G. W. Drummand, Manager



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Conoco Products West Lake Drive

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and everything else you want to bring me. Please take my brothers, Gene and Bobby, something. They are in the Army in Germany. Please bring mama a new dress and earrings. I am five years old. Love—Jane Hopper, 527 Northwest Avenue B, Hamlin.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a sewing machine and a baby doll and a doll buggy. Thank you—Sandra Stanford.

Dear Santa: I want a jeep, a hook and ladder fire truck, an Army truck, a radar truck, toy Buick, walkie-talkie, rocket truck, rifle, dump truck, train, shot barrel gun, toy hot rod, jet airpane, telescope, missile launching station, helicopter, machine gun, pocket radio, chewing gum machine, car and boat trailer and a robot man. I love you, Santa, most of all.—Charles Sellers.

P. S.—I have been a good boy. I wanted to come see you but I have been too busy at kindergarten.

Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Will you please bring me a baby doll and clothes for me.—Reba Pritchard.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a toy clown doll and some little dishes with forks and a little plug-in iron. Love—Cindy Kelley.

Dear Santa Claus: Janis wants a Tiny Tears doll. She wants some play dishes. She wants a nurse k't. I want a doll for my sister. Her name is Nancy. This is what I want for Christmas: I want a baby doll that has clothes. I want a baton. Love—Nancy and Janis.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a tractor, a Casey Jones train and a helicopter. And bring my baby sister, Regena Kay, a baby doll, bracelet and locket. Love—Ricki and Regena Kaye Rollins.

Dear Santa: Please bring me some pre-historic animals, two fire trucks and a helicopter that is run by batteries. Bring all the other little boys and girls something. Love—John Charles Hix, Route 3, Hamlin.

Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me an electric train and a BB gun and an electric airplane. I want a round thing that has two holes in it and throw balls out.—Chris Perrin.

I want a wagon. I want a BB gun.—Marshall Dale Pritchard.

Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a toy pick-up.—Gary Carson.

Dar Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a bride doll, a bicycle and plastic dishes.—Cathy Gage.

Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a bride doll. Love.—Grace Carter.

Dear Santa: I am six years old. I have been a good little boy. Please brnig me a toy.—Rudy Lopez.

Dear Santa: I would like some guns and an electric train. Thank you—Jerry Dockins.

Dear Santa: Please bring me some guns. I am agood boy and I study hard. I like school.—Brit Thompson.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a two-barrel gun and an electric train. Thank you—Billy Hodnett.

Dear Santa: Please bering me a baby doll and dishes.—Josie Romero.

Dear Santa: Please bring me an elcetric train and a pistol. Thank you—Troy Early.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl neartly six years old. I would like for you to bring me a Betsy-wetsy doll. That's all, Santa, but don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Now I must say good-bye. Lots of love—Patty ann Pattillo.

Dear Santa Claus: I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a BB gun, a football suit and a truck set for Christmas.—Phil Harrison.

Dear Santa Claus: I love you. Please bring me a bride doll and a high-heel doll. Your friend—Irene Martinez.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I love you. I want a BB gun, a guitar, and Army set for Christmas, please.—Spencer Ford.


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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Clau: I love you. I have been good. I want a bride doll, a doll house and a play stove for Christmas, please—Thomasa Trevino.

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Dear Santa Claus: I love you. I have been good. I want a bride doll for Christmas, please, and some clothes for her. — Jeannie Joiner.

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Dear Santa Claus: I love you. I have ben good. I want a bride doll, a play stove and some play high-heel shoes, please.—Leslie Jo Harkey.

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Dear Santa Claus: I want a ballet doll, a bicycle and basket, some boots and a play stove for Christmas.—Laquita Griffin.

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Dear Santa Claus: I love you I have been good. Please bring me a bicycle, a basket, a ballet doll and a play stove for Christmas.—Deborah Carlan.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a bicycle, a basket an electric train and Army set for Christmas, please. — Bobby Townley.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a BB gun and a Johnny Robot for Christmas Please. I love you.—Larry Collins.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle and basket, an erector set and a camera. I have been good.—Russell.

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Dearest Santa Claus: I want a milk truck for Christmas. Send me a note if you come or not. My brothers want bicycles. My mother wants some pottery. Dad wants a tie. That's all. Love to you—Richard Mendoza.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a bride doll and a high heel doll and a doll house for Christmas. I love you.—Norma Morales.

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Dear Santa: I am a little girl eight years old. I have been good this year. I want a doll with a blue dress and a blue hat. Love—Feliciana Oranday.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a BB gun, a bicycle, a basket, a football and an electric train for Christmas please. Harvie Neatherlin.

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Dear Santa: I want a bicycle and a high heel doll for Christmas please. I love you.—Jan Young.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a bicycle, a BB gun and cowboy suit for Christmas please.—Rosendo Morales.

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Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy seven years old. I have been good. Please bring me a football helmet.—Chester Jenkins.

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Dear Santa: I am a little girl seven years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me a piano. Love—Carol Tweedle.

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Dear Santa: I am a little boy seven years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me a play typewriter.—Davis Weaver.

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Dear Santa: I am seven years old. I have a sister four. I love you. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Bye—Wendy Russell.

P. S.—Bring me whatever you want to for Christmas.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl seven years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me a dish set. Love—Jana Ferguson.

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Dear Santa Claus: I moved to the farm, and I want a sheep for Christmas. My brother wants a pig. My big brother wants a record player. Love — Joe W. Cooper.

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Dear Santa: I am a little boy seven years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me some guns and a cattle truck and a spinning top. Love — Joe E. Meads.

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Dear Santa: I am a little boy eight years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me a football. Love—Jose Ybarra.

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Dear Santa: I hope you will come to see me. I have tried to be a nice boy. I am seven years old and in the first grade. I want you to bring me some guns. That is all. Love—Mike Acklin.

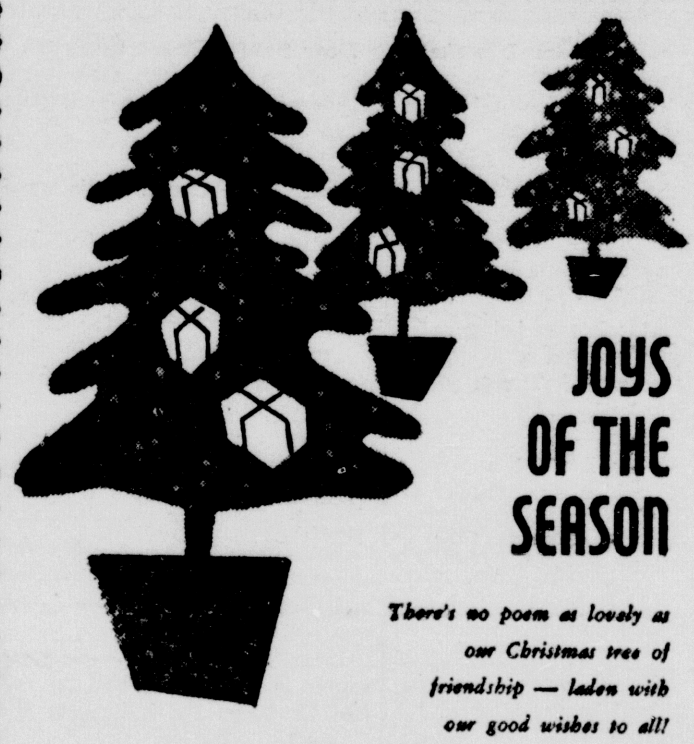


SOPHISTICATED—Cotton velveteen, richly embroidered in a floral pattern, is used in this handsome cocktail coat by Jean Desses of Paris. Coat has a face-framing collar and yoke of solid black velveteen.

Deor Santa Claus: I want a doll house for Christmas please. I love you.—Barbara Price.

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Dear Santa: I want a doll, a teddy bear and a doll suit case. I need some house shoes and a house coat. I have been a good girl at school and at home, so I hope you will visit me. I love you—Sharon Bruner, age six.



JOYS OF THE SEASON

There's no poem as lovely as our Christmas tree of friendship — laden with our good wishes to all!

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Christmas Joy

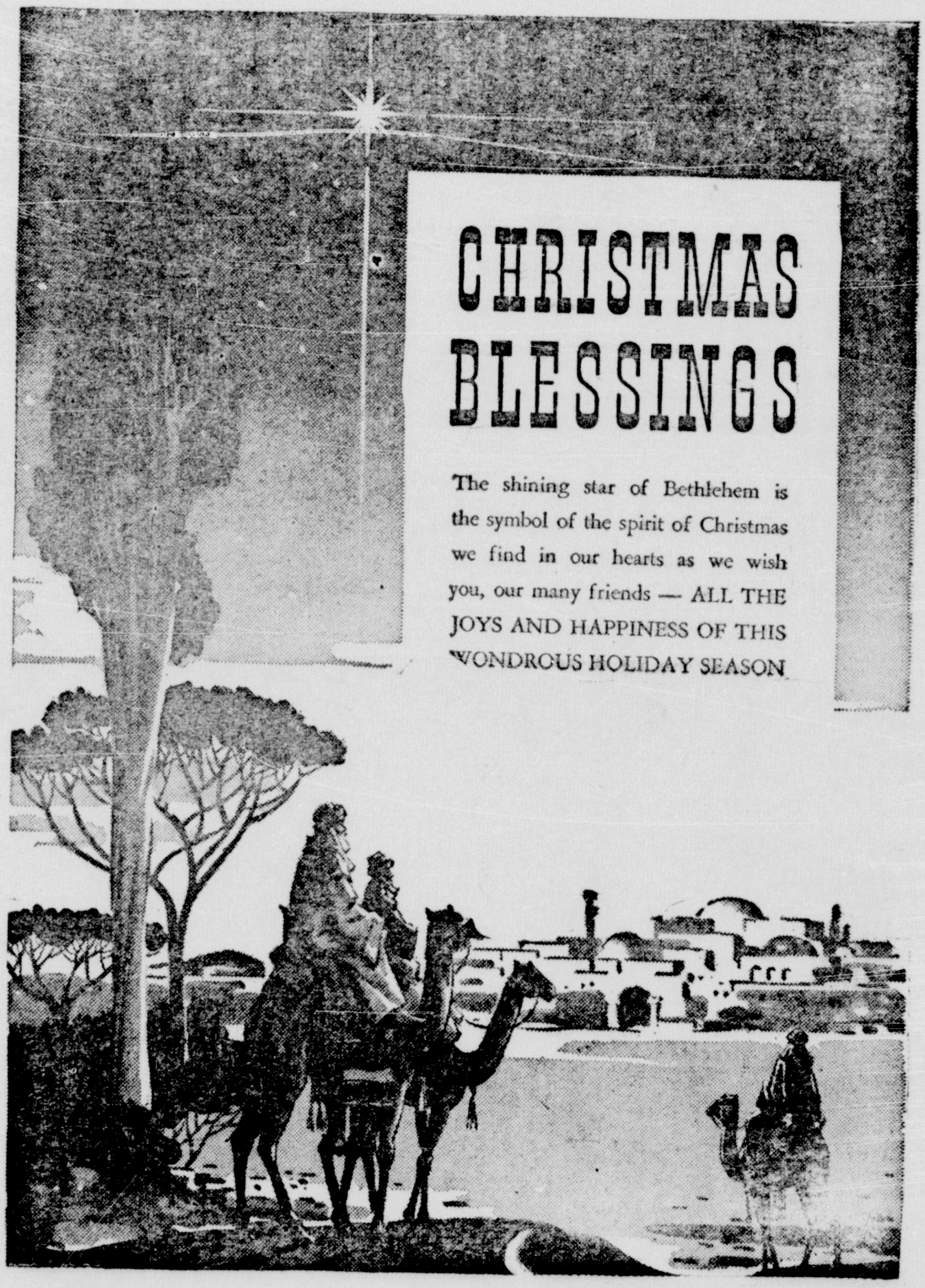
ALL of us here extend to you, our loyal friends and customers, best wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas.

May the glory of this great day enter into your hearts and uplift your thoughts to Him whose birth we honor.

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The shining star of Bethlehem is the symbol of the spirit of Christmas we find in our hearts as we wish you, our many friends — ALL THE JOYS AND HAPPINESS OF THIS WONDROUS HOLIDAY SEASON

Frank's Department Store

"BEST FOR LESS"

South Central Avenue Hamlin, Texas

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa: I am seven years old. This is my first year in school. I like to go to school, but most of all I like to play football. I hope to be a good player when I grow up. For Christmas I would like a toy typewriter. Love—Charlie Shira.

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Dear Santa: I want a chemistry set and a rtain, a Santa Claus doll and a play cat. I am seven years old and in the first grade. I am doing good in school. I have already read two books. Be good to all the children. Love—Thomas Goolsby.

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Dear Santa: I am a little boy seven years old. I have been good this year. Please bring me a big gun. Love—Jessie Ybarra.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a BB gun and apaint set. My little sister, Melissa, wants a baby doll. We both love you and wish you a Happy Christmas.—David Mark Marden.

Dear Santa: I a ma little first grader. I am doing good in school, and I am good at home. Please bring me a doll for Christmas. Your friend—Gloria Romero.

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Dear Santa Claus: Christmas will soon be here. I hope you will visit my house. I am trying to be a good neighbor in my school room. Will you please remember me? Love — Sharon Townley.

P. S.—I would like to have o teddy bear and a doll and a picture of you.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I love you. I want a gun set, a truck set and an Army set please.—Curtis Watkins.

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Dear Santa Claus: I want some dishes, a cradle, a buggy and a nurse kit. Then I can play with them. I am seven years old, and in the first grade. Love—Kathy Criswell.

Cowboys' Christmas Ball Is Unique Event Held Yearly at Anson

One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations in Central West Texas is the Cowboys' Christmas Ball, which has been held almost every year since 1884 at Anson.

The celebration started as a wedding party at the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after year.

Christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gay shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls outfitted themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore." A cowboy band swung out and the dancers performed the heel-and-toe polka, the Varsouvienne and other folk dances.

BLIND TO OUR OWN.

The faults of others appear so glaring that most people entirely overlook the glare of their own.

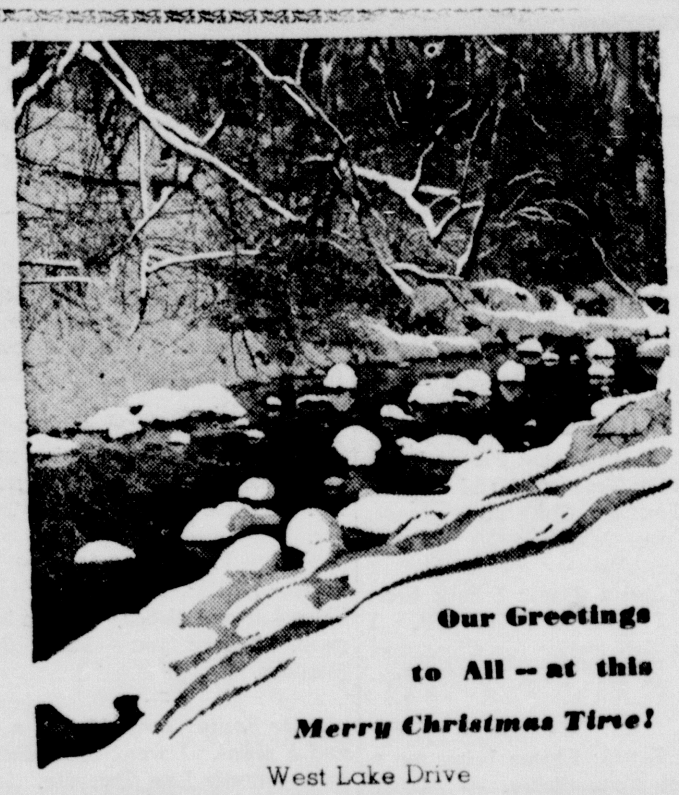
HE'S GOT SOMETHING.

Teacher—"What is it that binds us together, sustains us, and makes us even better than nature intended?"

Tommy—"Girdles."



PLAYMATES—A dog can be a boy's best friend, even when appliqued on sturdy bib-top coveralls of washable corduroy. A matching candy-cane striped cotton shirt completes the set by Wonderalls.

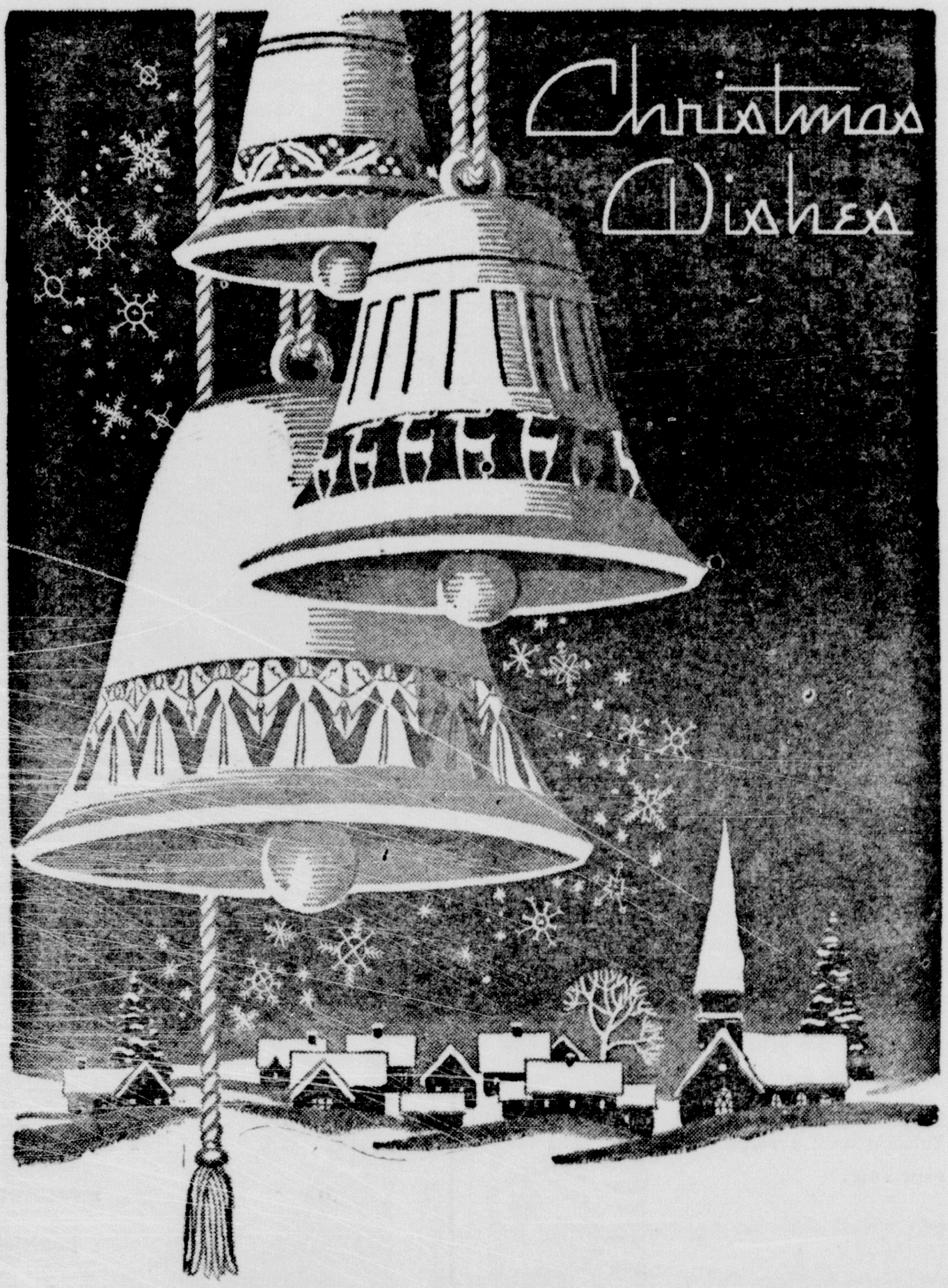


Our Greetings to All -- at this Merry Christmas Time!

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Again this Christmas we rejoice as we recall the many grand associations with our many friends; To all of you who have favored us with your patronage, it is our fondest wish that you enjoy every joy, good health and happiness of this cheery season!

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May the shining decorations of Christmas adorning your home — reflect all the happiness we wish you at this time!

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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

good. I want a cowboy suit and hat for Christmas please. I love you—Gary Smith.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I love you. I want a bicycle basket, a football and football helmet and suit for Christmas please. I love you —Donnie.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a Tiny Tears doll and a jack-in-the-box for Christmas, please. I love you—Marsha.

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Dear Santa Claus: I have been good. I want a bride doll. I want a doll buggy for Christmas please. I love you—Sarah Martinez.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and some dishes. — Biatris Trevino.

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Dear Santa: I would like a gun and a bicycle.—Joe Lopez.

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Deare Santa: Please bring me a have gun will travel set and a Roy Rogers set and boots and Indian things. That is all—Gene.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a suit case and some high-heeled slippers. That is all. Thank you —Sue Kay Flores, 346 Northwest Fifth Street.

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Dear Santa: I would like a bicycle. Thank you—Cruz Orona.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a baby doll.—Ruby Nell.

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Dear Santa: I am eight and one-half years old and I've been good. And I want a baby doll, Bible, sewing leather kit and a viewmaster for Christmas. I love you.—Sharon Sturrock.

Dear Santa: I want a big bicycle. I would take a train, too. Thank you—Kevon Brown.

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Dear Santa: I am in school in the first grade. I like school very much. I would like for you to bring me a doll and a sewing machine. I thank you.—Marci Kay Steele.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll with high heels and a nurse kit. Thank you—Jeannie Trotter.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a baby doll and dishes. I have been good. I love you — Mary Jane Wallace.

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Dear Santa: I would like a doll and a piano. I want some dishes, too.—Jimmie Lue Tweedle.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a bride doll and some clothes. I can read and write. I like school. Thank you—Linda Witt.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a work bench and gun rack and three rifles and lots of other good things.—Mike Jones.

P. S.—And a tricycle and ball and baseball and steam shovel.

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a train, lookout towers and everything that goes with a train, and a bicycle.—W. C. Jones.

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Dear Santa: My name is Barry Lloyd Sturrock. I am four years old and my brother is writing this for me. And I want a fire truck, bulldozer, musical jack-in-the-box, a truck that carries cars, and maybe a cowboy shirt and some guns. And be sure to leave something for my mother and daddy and brother and sister.



SEPARATES—Mary Ann Mobley, Miss America 1959, wears colorful separates by Joe Davidson. Outline quilting accents floral motif in the skirt. The fabric is Everglaze cotton satin by Everfast.

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I ... been pretty godo girls this year. So my little sister wants a ... doll buggy, blocks and ... you want to bring her. June, my other sister, wants a doll and a lot of toys. She wants a dew-drop doll. And I want a dress-up doll and some clothes and a camera and overnight case and anything else you want to bring us. Don't forget the other kids. Love —Margie, June and Sue Roddy.

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Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me some toys. Thank you—Crystal Joy Cheshier.

With Christmas Joy



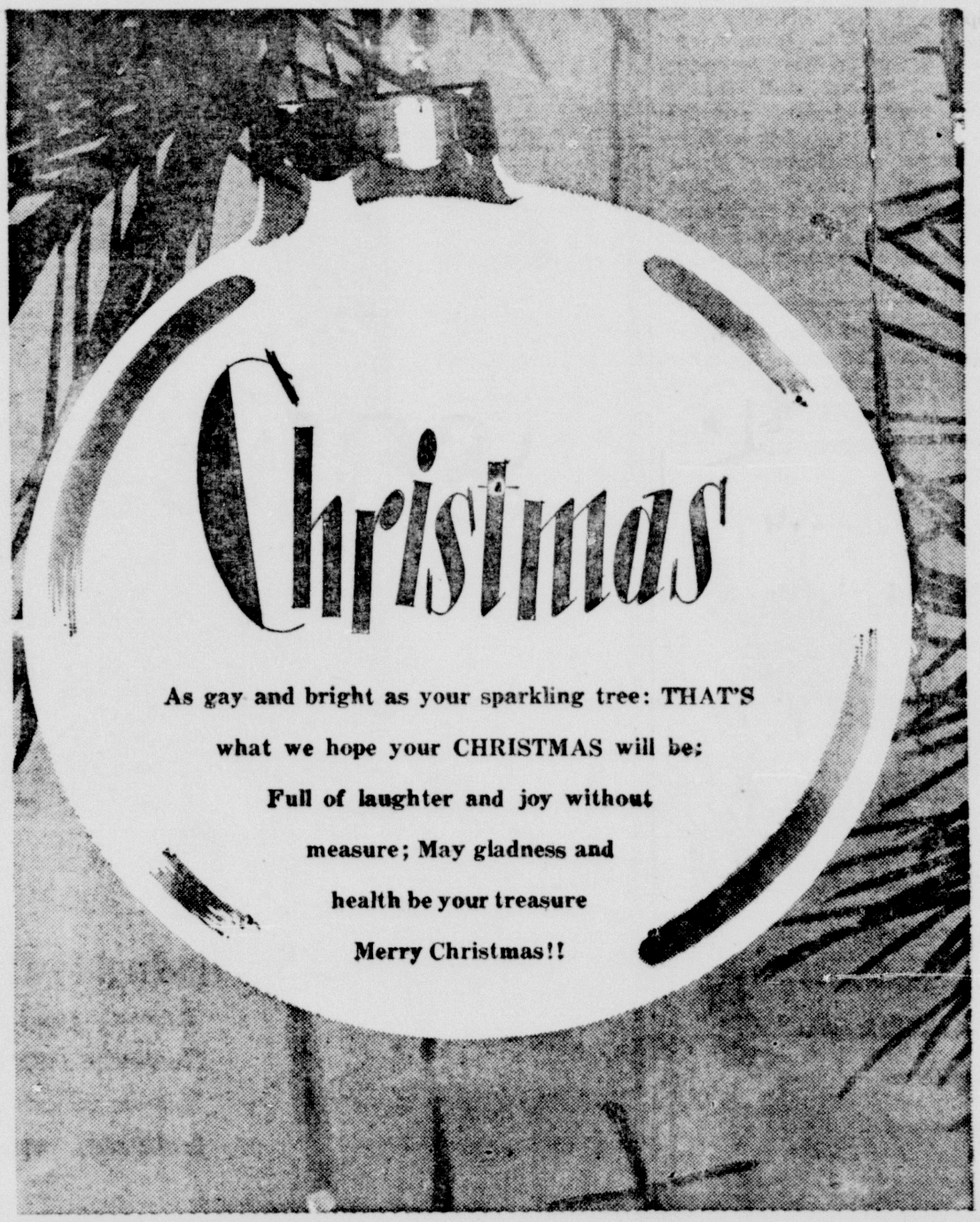
Gay as the flowers of Christmas,
Humble as the spirit of the Day --
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Festive Desserts Play Big Part in Foods for Holiday

Festive desserts play a big part in the celebration of the Christmas holiday and no other treats are more associated with this holiday than plum pudding and mince meat pie.

The origin of the plum pudding is lost in history, but popular legend explains it this way:

Once upon a time, an English king went hunting on Christmas Eve. A sudden blizzard blocked the paths of the forest and the hunters became lost. One member of the party, the cook, was charged with the task of preparing dinner from whatever food he could find. In desperation, he literally threw "verything" into the pot—the remains of a stag chopped into fine bits, flour, birds' eggs, dried plums, ale, brandy, sugar and meat from some wild game. Soon, to his surprise and delight, he had a delicious, hot "pudding" and to this day, true plum puddings have all of these ingredients which our quick-witted hunter put into his cooking pot.

The tasty mince meat pie was originally devised by the Puritans as a religious offering and was served with a tiny figure of the Christ Child in the center. The earliest known recipe dates from the reign of James I in the early seventeenth century. At that time the pie was filled with beef tongue, chopped chciken, eggs, raisins, orange and lemon peelings, sugar and various spices.



Merry Christmas

And greetings of the season! We hope that you and all of our loyal customers enjoy this wonderful Yule to the very utmost!

WALDON'S SHOE SHOP

Next Door to Herald

Origin of Christmas Tree Symbol Is Aged

The origin of the Christmas tree symbol is shrouded in legends that reach back to the period of Druid tree worship long bfore the advent of Christianity. Credit for tree decoration and gift giving, however, is generally given to Germany, where the customs were started in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Over a period of years the practice spread into Northern Europe and from there to America.

Outdoor tree decorating is essentially an American trademark and a special feature of community spirit. The best known are at the White House lawn at Washington, D. C., and at the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.



FOR LOUNGING—Flattering team for lounging is designed in cotton flannel by Miss Elaine, St. Louis. Ski-type pajamas are red flannel, while car coat and hood are red and white striped quilted flannel.

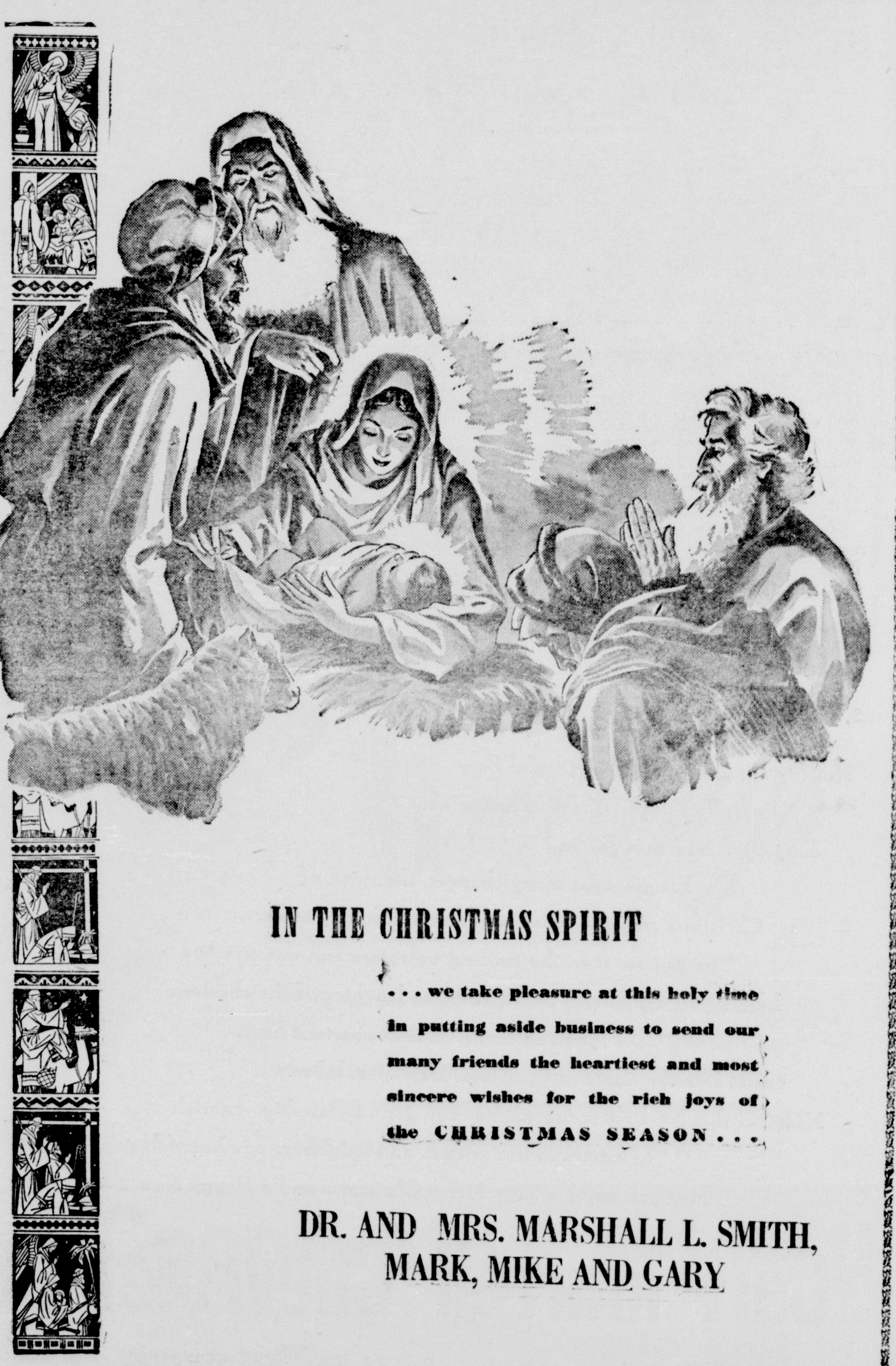
oh boy! it's christmas again!

Yes, it's Christmas: Wondrous time of the year — May it bring, all that's good - in health, and luck, and cheer!



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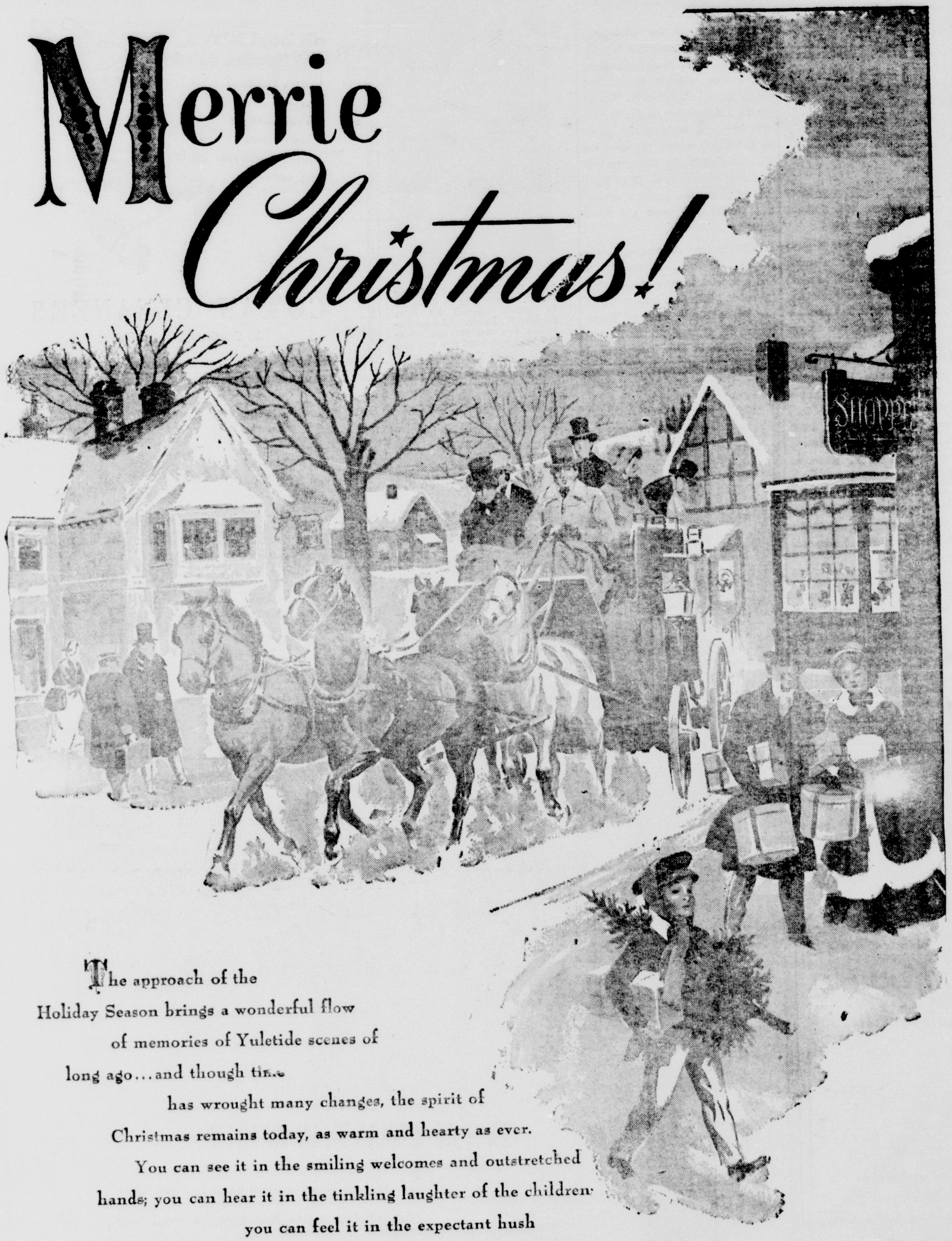


IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

. . . we take pleasure at this holy time in putting aside business to send our many friends the heartiest and most sincere wishes for the rich joys of the CHRISTMAS SEASON . . .

DR. AND MRS. MARSHALL L. SMITH, MARK, MIKE AND GARY

Merrie Christmas!



The approach of the
Holiday Season brings a wonderful flow
of memories of Yuletide scenes of
long ago... and though time
has wrought many changes, the spirit of
Christmas remains today, as warm and hearty as ever.
You can see it in the smiling welcomes and outstretched
hands; you can hear it in the tinkling laughter of the children
you can feel it in the expectant hush
that fills the home as Christmas Day approaches.
Midst all this good cheer, hospitality and good fellowship, we wish
to extend to our friends and neighbors our heartfelt good wishes.
May you enjoy a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

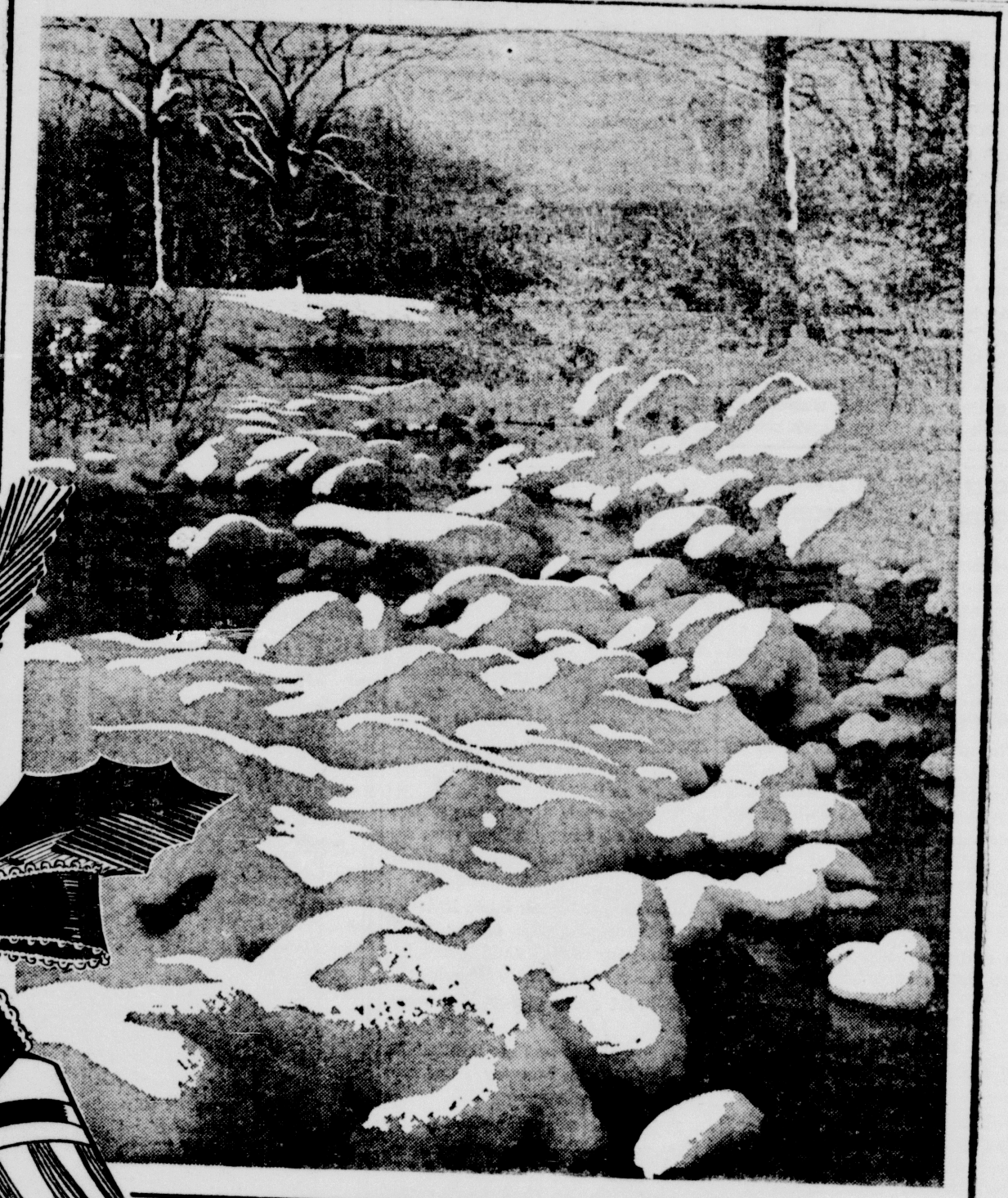
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Greetings

At this gay, holiday time let us offer you all the best wishes from our staff! May your Christmas be bright with the many blessings of the season . . . Rich in friendship, bright with gifts of happiness and lasting pleasure. And our wish is not just for Christmas, but for every day of the year 'til the next Yuletide!

Midwest Cooperative Oil Mill

PROCESSORS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS

Telephone 174

R. L. McClung, Manager

Custom of Sending Christmas Cards Only Little Over Hundred Years Old

The thoughtful custom of sending cards to friends and relatives at Christmas comes down to us from England.

It is generally suggested by historians that the idea began with school boys away from home who wrote their Christmas letters on fancy paper and in fancy writing.

There has been controversy through the years as to who sent the first lithographed cards. In 1941 a copy of an old Christmas card was found in the British museum and credit for the card was given to William Maw Egley, a 16-year-old apprentice, in the year 1842.

Later evidence, however, gave credit for the first card to Sir Henry Cole and lithographer John C. Horsley, in the year 1843.

Cards credited to Egley and Cole are quite similar. Each was etched in black and white and each shows drinking, dancing and holiday merriment scenes, and both carry holiday greetings.

Evidence that Egley was not the originator comes from a framed copy of the Egley card which reportedly carries a note on the back in the apprentice's handwriting.

The norte says the card was finished December 3, 1848, and is the "second ever published."

Cole began sending out cards to all his friends in 1846, each card bearing the message, "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Although the cards brought fame and popularity to Cole, it was some 20 years before Christmas cards became very popular in England.

Lucia Day in Sweden Begins Christmastime

Celebration of Lucia Day on December 13 inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden. It takes its name from St. Lucia, or Lucy, martyred for her faith and virginity in Syracuse in 304 A. D. and venerated by the church each December 13.

The prettiest blonde in every home, office, factory, village and town is elected a "Lucia" and visits the sick, leads carnivals and processions and attends banquets and balls accompanied by her "hand-maidens."

The ancient custom coincides with the winter solstice, when the sun swings toward the earth once more and the days begin to lengthen.

MAKING SNOW.

Grandmother's way of making snow for evergreen branches is still a good and economical way to dress up holiday decorations. Use plenty of soap chips or flakes in a little water. Beat lightly with a wire mesh spoon just long enough to get a nice, thick foam and smear on the needles and stems. Allow to dry and you have a beautiful winter woodland scene.

Extra Caution Should Go With Gift of Gun To Boy at Christmas

If you are giving your son a gun for Christmas, don't just hand it to him with the simple admonition "Be careful," warn the editors of Changing Times, the Kiplinger magazine. You should see that he gets adequate instruction and that he uses the gun only under the supervision of an experienced adult.

Competent instruction is widely available today through rifle clubs, many of which are in high schools and junior highs. Membership in such a club solves the problem of where a boy may do his shooting after he has learned how.

In addition to this basic instruction there are five safety rules which your son should learn by heart for his future well-being:

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.

2. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction—away from everyone, including yourself.

3. Be sure of your target.

4. Be sure of your backstop. Backstops have one purpose—to stop the bullet. Continued firing may wear some away.

5. Know your gun and ammunition is the right kind for the gun you are uinsg.



PARIS COTTON—Classic sports dress is smartly styled in wide-wale corduroy for the winter wardrobe by Pierre Billet. The perfectly tailored shirtmaker buttons in the back.

THE WASSAIL BOWL.

The Wassail Bowl is the center of adult festivities in Scotland. Its origin is lost in antiquity, but tradition has endowed the wassail bowl with legendary romance. It is ornamental in design and decorated with branches of greenery. The mixture within is warm and sweet, and wine is sometimes added to the ale and sugar and spices.

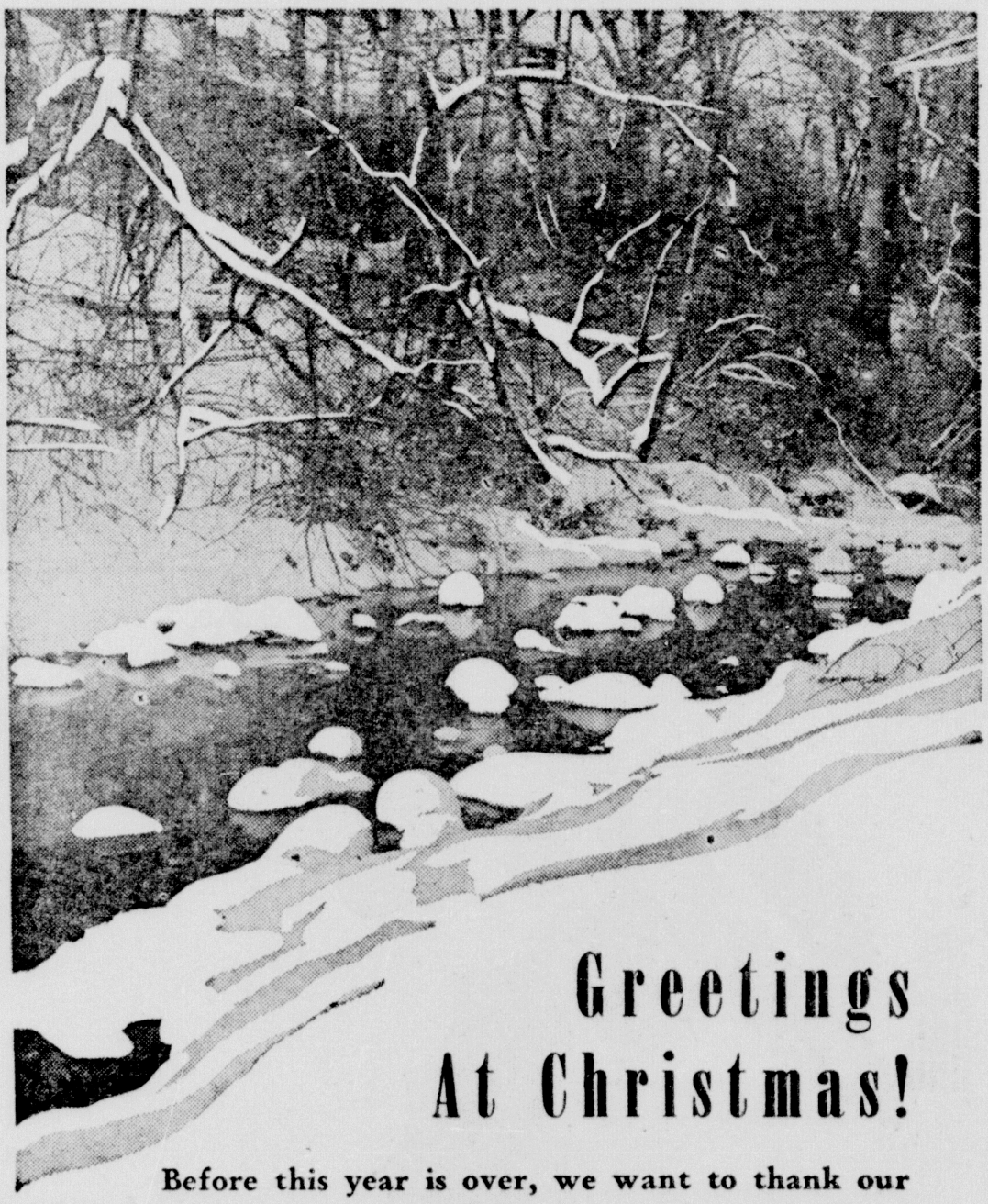


We're sending you our very best wishes, gift-wrapped in a beautiful Christmas package, and tied firmly with a generous bow of enduring friendship.

Owners and Employees of

Hamlin Theaters

TELEPHONE 94



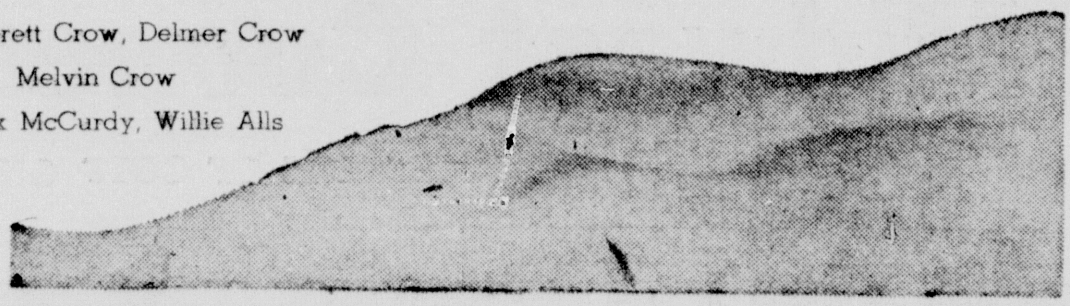
Greetings At Christmas!

Before this year is over, we want to thank our many customers for their continuing faith in us, and wish you all a very Joyous Holiday! . . .

Crow Bros. Gro. & Mkt.

31 South Central Ave. Telpehone 123

Everett Crow, Delmer Crow
Melvin Crow
Jack McCurdy, Willie Alls



Bright as glistening snowflakes are our wishes for a wonderful holiday, to you — our many customers!



Huling Service Station

Conoco Gasoline and Motor Oils
13 South Central Avenue Telephone 220

Personifications of Father Time and New Year Babe Have Unique History

The personifications of Father Time and the New Year Babe are as familiar as those o Santa Claus or Uncle Sam. Yet these fitting symbols for the end of one cycle of living and the birth of another have their roots in Greek mythology.

Father Times comes down to us as a descendant of the Greek gdo Cronus, lord of the universe. Cronus bore the lines of inestimable years on his face and he carried a scythe, but like many of mythology's earthly gods, he was not altogether admirable. Having been warned that one of his children would dispose of him, Cronus decided to give none a chance and got into the habit of swallowing them at birth. His wife, Rhea, in an attempt to discourage the practice, hid their son Zeus after his birth and presented Cronus with a stone wrapped in swaddling clothes.

The ruse worked. Cronus disgorged not only the stone, but the prveious children he had swallowed. Zeus later dethroned his father, settled on Mount Olympus and ruled as chief god of the Greek pantheon.

Later Cronus' name was confused with the word "cronos," meaning "time." But the hourglass has found a permanent place in the hand of the white-haired gentleman with the scythe.

The New Year Babe may be as old as Father Time. During ancient Greece's festival of Dionysus, a baby was paraded as a symbol of rebirth. A chief ceremonial in the Elusinian Mysteries featured the image of a child.

In more recent times, farmers of Western Prussia staged the symbolic birth of a child on harvest fields. A German folk song of the fourteenth century depicts the New Year Babe in its present form.

HOLIDAY TREATS.

Pies for the holiday party can be "trimmed" to add to the festivity of the occasion. With a mince pie, cut a star opening in the center and place small red candles in the pie so each wedge will have one. Form a circle of whipped cream around a chocolate pie then place a small candy cane where each wedge will be. It will make a big hit at a children's Yuletide party.

Origin of Christmas Tree Was Germany's

The Germans claim they originated the idea of a Christmas tree. And it was a German, according to old newspaper files, who introduced the Christmas tree into America.

The story is that a German priest who emigrated to Cleveland, Ohio, set up a Christmas tree in his church in the 1840s. He was almost chased out of the church. The congregation didn't like the idea.

But a few years later, a German tailor who settled in Wooster, Ohio, started using Christmas trees, and somehow the idea caught on this time.

FAMOUS SITES.

In the heights above Nazareth which lies in a cup of the Galilee hills may be seen the sites of many of the famous place names of biblical history. To the east lie Gilboa, where Saul died, and Tabor, where Deborah's men gathered to meet the Canaanites. Westward is ancient Megiddo, where the Egyptians defeated Josiah of Judah, and Carmel where Elijah bested the prophets of Baal.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

The date of December 25, as the birthday of Jesus, and hence, Christmas, has been generally observed in most Christian nations since the fourth and fifth centuries. Prior to the fourth century Christians observed only Epiphany (the commemoration of the baptism) and Easter with festivals and religious rites.

Bulgarian Children Get New Year's Gifts

New Year's Day is a great day for Bulgarian children who receive their presents and small sums of money in return for the gifts they ceremoniously present.

Teen-agers go visiting, and wishing neighbors a happy New Year, expect treats and refreshments. But, unlike our "trick or treat" of Hallowe'en, should the supply of goodies run short, the situation is accepted graciously.

NEW YEAR FIRST.

First to welcome each New Year are the residents of the Chatham Islands, New Zealand.



From Santa's pack to you — our many friends and customers, a bounty of good wishes for all the many joys of the gay, HOLIDAY SEASON . . .

The Style Mart

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

214 South Central Avenue Telephone 188

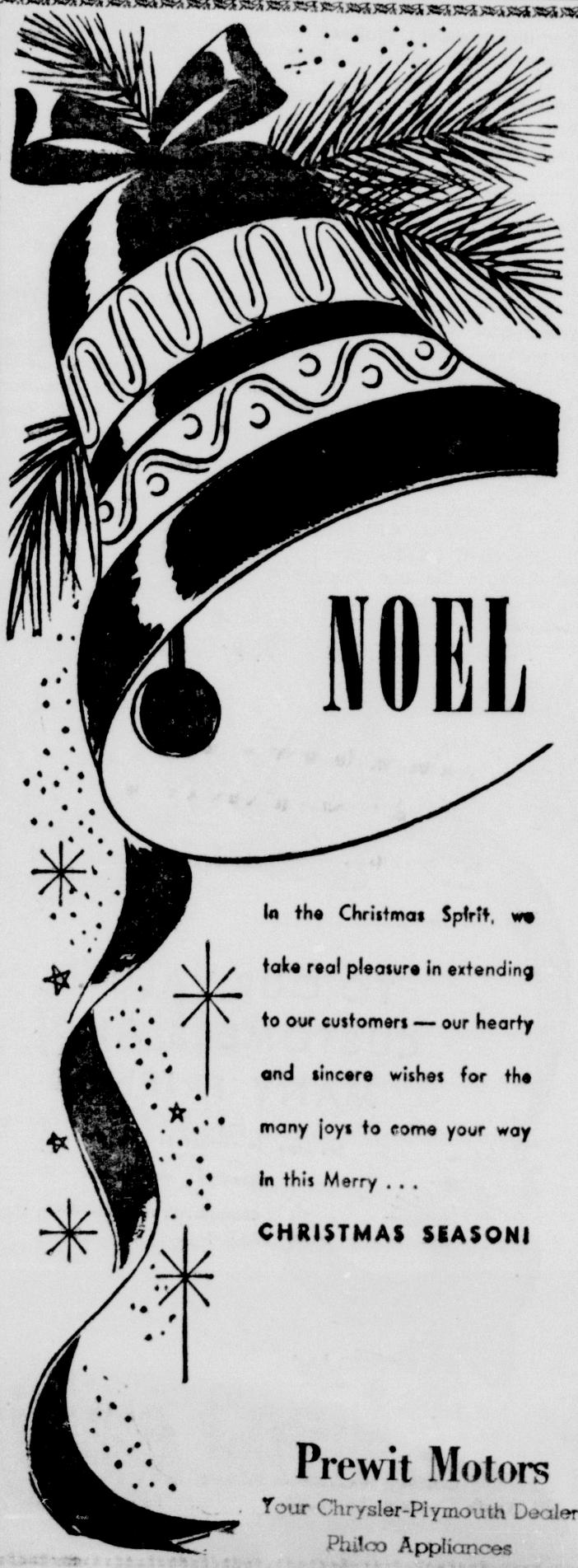


A Happy Christmas to you!

Western Auto Store

Claude Lancaster, Owner

Telephone 28 Hamlin



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In the Christmas Spirit, we take real pleasure in extending to our customers — our hearty and sincere wishes for the many joys to come your way in this Merry . . .

CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Prewit Motors

Your Chrysler-Plymouth Dealer

Philco Appliances



May these be the gifts that Christmas will bring to you...

• the joy of happy memories

• the peace of real contentment

• and the happiness of a bright New Year

Malouf's Dept. Store

HAMLIN, TEXAS

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa: I love you. I have been good and haven't pouted. Please bring me some toys, a bulldozer and a piano and a tractor. Love—Tom Max Hogan.

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Dear Santa: Will you bring me a bike, some dishes and a doll.—Mary Cathy Gage.

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Dear Santa Claus: My name is David Biswell. I am four years old. Please bring me two big trucks and bring all the other kids what they want. Thank you—David Biswell, Star Route, Hamlin, Texas.

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Dear Santa: Bring Mandy a doll and dishes, a wash dress and some candy. Thank you, Santa. See you Christmas.—Mandy.

Dear Santa Claus: My mommy is writing this because I am only four and one-half years old, and she says I don't write English. I want you to please bring me a dress-up doll with some dresses to dress it in. I want her to have high heels, too. I want a set of dishes, too. I have a little new sister who will be a month old at Christmas. Please don't forget her. Her name is Tracy, and she doesn't talk yet. So please put something in her stocking that I am going to hang up for her. I love you Santa and thank you—Terry Lynn Gregory.

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Dear Santa: I am a little girl almost three years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll and a rake and a little piani. Thank you very much. — Caffie Darline Dixon, Route 3, Hamlin.

Hot Punches Gaining New Yuletide Favor

Hot punches, gaining new popularity in America, have never gone out of favor in England, where punch bowls are a frequent sight, usually of polished silver, to hold hot brews. These zesty punches may be mild or glowing.

For mild drinks there is spiced tea with cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg added before brewing, then combined with heated fruit juices. For glowing drinks there is mulled cider, simmered with spices and served with floating orange slivers; or the traditional Tom and Jerry, served untraditionally early its brandy frothy with egg, and spiced.

Children Can Assist With Plans for Parties

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, should not be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour," why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.

First-Footer Legend Created Superstition For Early Practices

Probably one of the most widespread of the early New Year's superstitions concerned the "first-footer," the first person to cross the threshold on New Year morning. Women and light-haired men were considered unlucky "first-footers," as were people who walked pigeon-toed.

In some villages the superstition was taken so seriously that a dark-haired man was given the job of acting as first-footer. Going from house to house, he would be first to cross over the threshold, thus preserving the good fortune of the community.

An glo-Saxons, believing that something might happen when the New Year burst in, often climbed upon the roof on New Year's Eve so as to have a good view of any such event.

And we moderns manage to make plenty of noise presumably because our primitive ancestors believed that noise would keep evil influences at a distance.

HE LEARNS FAST

"Jimmy, go get the old car."

"Why the old one, pop?"

"I believe in wearing out the old ones first, son."

"Okay, pop. Go get the car yourself."



LITTLE ANGEL—Any little girl would be delighted to receive this white cotton pique "angel" apron on Christmas morning. The scalloped hemline is accented by Prims round cover-your-own buttons. Covered buttons also are used for the angel's face. Instructions may be obtained from Prims, Press Release, Inc., Empire State Building, New York 1, N. Y.

LIKE IT SOUNDS.

Kids often say things by sound, repeating what they've heard phonetically without really knowing what they are saying. A teacher, listening to a small boy recite the pledge of allegiance, heard this:

"I pledge a region to the flag and to the country for Richard Sands!"



The Season's Best Wishes

Many are the joys that come with the Holiday Season —but none could be more pleasant than to greet our many friends with wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

THE CITY CAFE

Mrs. Oadine Hughes, Prop.

Nex tto Style Cleaners



Christmas Greetings

It is indeed a pleasure to thank all of you -- who are our loyal customers -- for your continued patronage. It has been a real pleasure to serve you! And it is a pleasure now to extend to you -- our warmest wishes for all that's bright and gay IN THIS WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON . . .

From All of Us at

Bailey's Dept. Store

"Where Quality Reigns"

PHONE 51 HAMLIN



Merry Christmas

TO OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS AND MANY FRIENDS

We hope to continue to serve you with friendliness and courtesy 'til Christmas rolls 'round once more.

Turner-Nail Ins. Agency

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Turner Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Turner Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Nail

Henry Van Dyke's Philosophy Would Improve Tensions

Here are some words from a famous Christmas message by Henry Van Dyke (1925-1933):

". . . there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, nad that is keeping Christmas!"

These famous words have echoed through the years and yet, sadly enough, so many of us never learn the "secret" of kepeing Christmas. In the hearts of the majority, Christmas is a great holiday, a festive occasion, a time of joy and peace, of sincere pleasure in the very act of giving. There is a certain spirit about the preparation for and observance of the holiday. We follow the usual customs, we decorate and adorn our homes and firesides, and on this one day allow our hearts to be filled with joy and peace. We hold the spirit of Christmas and we cherish it—until the bright lights come down and the tinsel and glitter are dsicards.

But, how wonderful would be the world we live in if we could keep Christmas in our hearts —all year round; if we could fill our hearts with love and do away with hatred and intolerance; if we could shun false pride and be always considerate and understanding in our relations with our fellow man; if we could replace the yearning for the gold and pleasures of the world with the virtues of faith and moral courage!

If we could do these things, we could build a better world; a world of peace and brotherhood, and we would be keeping the spirit of Christmas — forever — in our hearts.

Poinsettia Was Made Popular at Christmas By Envoy to Mexico

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Robert Poinsett.

Poinsett was U. S. ambassador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents, yet he had achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew this unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Consatnt warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsettia a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any [illegible]ed to make the plant thrive.

PROBLEM OF TODAY.

One shouldn't do two things at the same time; and that includes women who put on weight and slacks.



SMOOTH—Simplicity marks this new quarter coat with slanted flap pockets. The coat by Zero King in J. P. Stevens Supima cotton is completely machine washable. The fabric is Zelan treated for water and spot repellency.



Again at Christmas we wish you well...

To all of you who have favored us with your patronage, we extend our greetings for a Very Merry Christmas!

CACTUS BEAUTY SHOP

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Jewel Scott

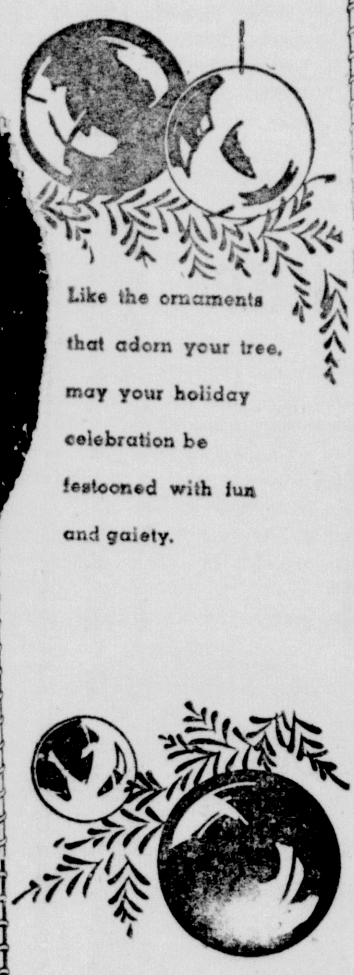


Bundles of Joy to You!

We have the very best of holiday wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year all tied up — just for you!

B. Y. Barrow Furniture Company

"WHERE HOME BEGISS"



Like the ornaments that adorn your tree, may your holiday celebration be festooned with fun and gaiety.

"Nothing Says It Quite Like Flowers"

TOMMY'S FLOWER SHOP

Telephone 1046

A POINT IN TIME

A NEW YEAR'S STORY.

They found each other on New Year's Eve. Joe had come to the party because there was nothing else to do and because you were expected to celebrate the coming of the new year. To be gay and happy. Instead he was bored with the raucous confusion.

Joe was watching the dancers whirling in prescribed fashion when he saw the girl in the green formal. She wasn't Hollywood beautiful nor was she the wholesome type, but she had beauty. A radiance? No, Joe answered answered himself, as she whirled off in the arms of a tall athletic guy, she was to subdued for radiance. He had seen enough to make him forget his boredom. He had seen the pale, round face framed by black hair. He had looked into her big, dark eyes.

When she reappeared, she looked directly over her partner's shoulder at Joe and her eyes were imploring. Joe did not dare to hesitate for fear of losing his courage, but quickly threaded his way through the dancers and cut in.

One second he was tapping her partner's muscular shoulder, the next she had drifted into his arms. They danced wordlessly, solemnly. He hardly dared look at her, worrying now that he had misread the look in her eyes.

"Thanks," she said and her low voice had a sweetness and an enthusiasm to it.

Joe said, "You were looking at me then?"

She laughed and glanced up. "You were positively tsaring at me and I did need rescue. So, thanks. You can leave me now the music's stopped."

"Oh, please, can't we be properly introduced? We might come back and besides," he went on rapidly, "when you rescue someone you have to give artificial respiration. You wouldn't want me to lose my rescuer's badge so soon?"

"No, of course I wouldn't." When she laughed there were dimples in her cheeks and her eyes sparkled. "But artificial respiration here?" The dancers were regrouping around them.

"Outside," he said and started out, firmly clasping her hand. He could not bear to lose her and he knew just two things about his partner; she was the kind of a girl he had always searched for and her left hand was ringless.

She looked up searchingly as they got their coats from a maid. "If we go out, I warn you I'm not coming back."

"Wonderful" Joe swung the door open and followed her out into the frosty air. "Why? Were you bored, too?"

"Stiff. All that meaningless chatter, everyone trying so hard to find the gaiety associated with New Year's Eve. Why?"

They were walking slowly down a well lighted residential street. "Why? the holiday spirit? Trying to be conventional, not wanting to stay home when everyone else is at a party. I don't know, not really. I was there for lack of anything better to do. What do you think should be done on New Year's Eve?"

"Well, it's a point in time," she spoke thoughtfully, their steps slowed. "A time to put the past year in perspective."

"You mean assessing what's been done or left undone?"

"Yes, and looking forward, too. Oh, I know how we laugh at New Year's resolutions, but what better time for inner resolutions? Do I sound very foolish to you?"

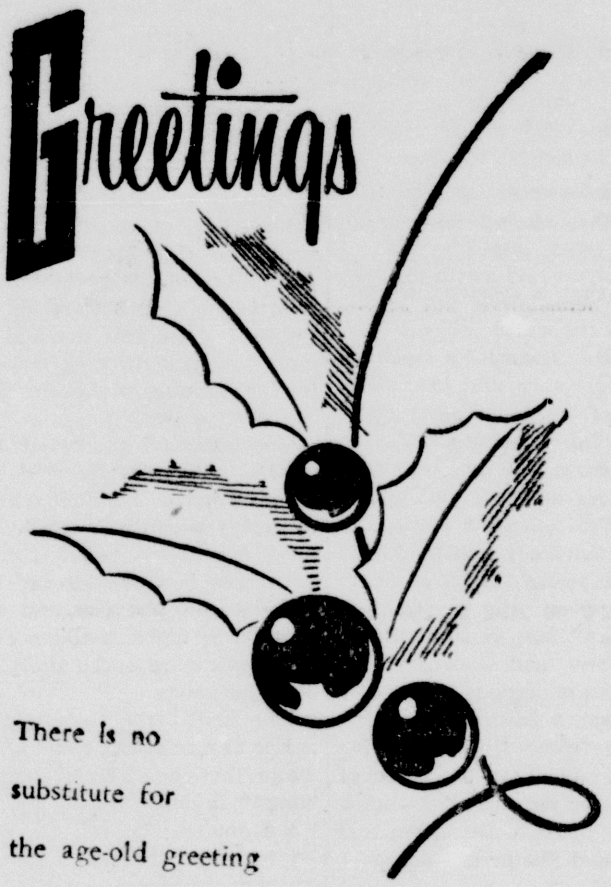
"No, very dear." It was out before he could stop it. Hurriedly he tried to bypass it. "I've often thought that wild parties were the wrong way to greet a New Year. Just think of the aching heads!"

Suddenly, she halted, pointing his hand, pointed. Hand in hand, they entered the lighted church, where they knelt silently, so suddenly two young hearts filled with joy.



COFFEE TIME—This apron is just the thing to don for that morning break with the girls. Made from white cotton flour sacks, it's trimmed with appliqued coffee cups of checked bag fabric. Matching potholders have a sugar bowl-cream pitcher motif. The apron was sewn by Mrs. E. L. Robbins of Pelahatchie, Miss, who received honorable mention in the 1958 Cotton Bag Sewing Contest.

Greetings



There is no substitute for the age-old greeting we extend to our many friends —

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Style Cleaners

Don Hymer, Proprietor

SINCERE Greetings



Our heartiest wishes that you may enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and all the good fortune to make the New Year a happy one.

Anna Lou Bennett Ethel Hastings Lou Stinnett
Mrs. Gus Travis Letha Maberry Ammie Boils
Mrs. U. L. Lee Mrs. Cleon Gray Mrs. Luke Bryson

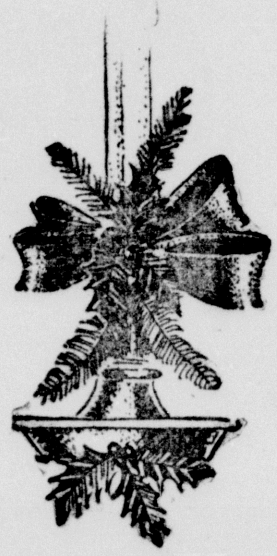
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Gracie Maberry, Proprietor

McDONALD'S

extends sincere wishes for

A Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year



From the entire "McDonald Family" of employees, a friendly wish that you be richly bestowed with the gifts of peace, happiness, understanding, and love... and a sincere "Thanks" for your patronage during 1958.

World Needs to Remember Now That Christmas Is Religious Celebration

Now it is again the season of the year that we call Christmas, the most joyfully and most universally celebrated of all our holidays.

The observance of Christmas may differ among nations and peoples which stretch from the lands of snow and ice to the sunny southern hemisphere, but in every corner of the world the true meaning of the holiday is ever the same.

As our world has changed through the centuries since the first Christmas, so have we taken the customs of Christmas and adjusted them to our changing environment. The origin of many of these customs have been lost in the passing of time to the extent that today many burn candles in the window and adorn firesides and homes with holy and mistletoe without a passing thought as to why we use candles rather than kerosene lamps and holly or mistletoe in preference to other winter greenery. It is custom, and we believe in following customs, in one fashion or another.

Customs have their place in the scheme of things, so let us keep them and, if need be, give them new meanings of our own. Yet, with it all, let us remember that customs and traditions are only a part of the observance of Christmas. We do not keep the Christmas merely because we observe the customs.

Let us keep Christmas in our hearts. Let us remember that it is a religious holiday, a time of joy and peace and faith and hope. More particularly, it is a time to be humbly grateful for mankind's greatest birthright—the hope of eternal salvation. Such was God's gift to the world that night at Bethlehem.

With the spirit of Christmas in our hearts we shall find deep and significant meanings in the customs and traditions we associate with this great holiday.

PARTY-MINDED—She has something up her sleeve—panels of dainty Norwegian embroidery. More embroidery outlines the flip-up collar of this white cotton broadcloth overblouse by Ship'n Shore. Photo by Seventeen.

Candles Have Been Used at Christmas All Around World

Candles have lighted Christmas Eve around the world for generations.

It has long been a custom in Ireland to place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christ Child on His way, and the use of candles appears in other lands in many ways.

In Czechoslovakia, for example, tiny candles are set upright in nut-shells and floated in pans of water. Armenians use myriads of candles in preparing their Christmas decorations.

At unique church services in Labrador each child receives a little lighted candle standing in a turnip, and keeps it until after the services, at which time the turnip is eaten.

In Norway, families arrive at church on Christmas Eve, each bearing a flaming torch. These are stuck in the snow while the folk attend the services.

UNIQUE CALENDAR.

The Moslem calendar is unique: The 12 months of the year begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. Thus the months, and New Years, too—retrograde through the entire year in about 33½ years.



OUR SONG OF CHRISTMAS

Rings out to wish you many bright notes of harmony and joy this Holiday!

MILDRED'S BEAUTY SHOP

Complete Beauty Service

May You Have a Merry Merry Christmas

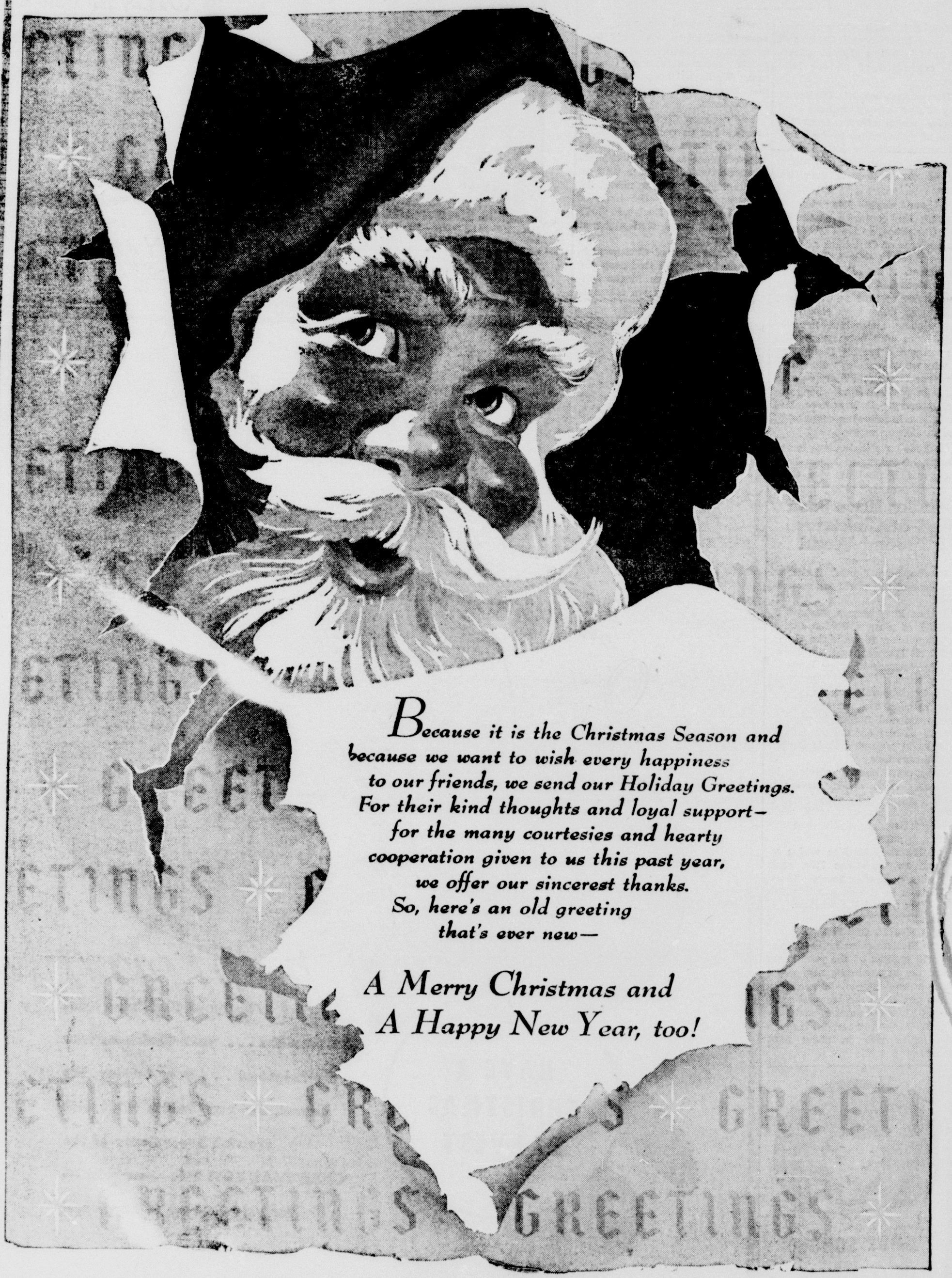
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Sales and Service



May your Christmas feast be bountiful . . . your Christmas tree the brightest . . . your holiday, the gayest, and your hearts filled with the rich benevolence of the CHRISTMAS DAY! This — our wish — for your harvest of happiness!

DR. AND MRS. E. J. HAWKINS, LOU ANN, JIMMY AND SHARON



Because it is the Christmas Season and because we want to wish every happiness to our friends, we send our Holiday Greetings. For their kind thoughts and loyal support— for the many courtesies and hearty cooperation given to us this past year, we offer our sincerest thanks. So, here's an old greeting that's ever new—

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year, too!

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